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Whose Terms Expire in 1957

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6. ON PAMPHLET ON UNION
Pres. Frank H. Caldwell, *Chairman*, Rev. Jas. A. Jones, Rev. John R. Richardson, Rev. Guy T. Gillespie.
7. ON 250th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PRESBYTERY
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Whose Terms Expire in 1956
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Whose Terms Expire in 1956

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Whose Terms Expire in 1957

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(See page 142 for list of Board Members)

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Whose Terms Expire in 1955

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Principals	*Alternates*
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Whose Terms Expire in 1956	
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Rev. Hugh Robertson	Rev. W. J. Gipson
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Rev. Warner L. Hall	Rev. George H. Vick
Rev. Chas. G. Bruce	Rev. Donald W. Richardson
Rev. Vance Barron	Rev. Chauncey Farrell
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CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SEASONS AND SPECIAL DAYS
CHURCH CALENDAR 1954-55

(Church Calendar and Monthly and Seasonal Emphases will be found on pages 91, 92)

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(See Page 2)

A. D.	Name	Presbytery	Place of Assembly
1861.	Rev. Benj. M. Palmer, D. D., LL. D.*	New Orleans	Augusta
1862.	Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.*	Concord	Montgomery
1863.	Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.*	Tombeckbee	Columbia
1864.	Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D.*	Flint River	Charlotte
1865.	Rev. George Howe, D. D., LL. D.*	Charleston	Macon
1866.	Rev. Andrew Hart Kerr, D. D.*	Memphis	Memphis
1867.	Rev. Thos. Verner Moore, D. D.*	East Hanover	Nashville
1868.	Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D., LL. D.*	Chickasaw	Baltimore
1869.	Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D.*	Louisville	Mobile
1870.	Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D. D.*	West Hanover	Louisville

MINUTES

FIRST DAY

Montreat, N. C., May 27, 1954

The ninety-fourth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met in Anderson Auditorium, Montreat, N. C., at 7:30 P. M.

The Assembly engaged in a worship service which was led by Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, President of the Mountain Retreat Association.

Psalm 121 was read responsively, Rev. W. E. Crane leading. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. D. Patrick. The Montreat College Choir assisted with the music.

Rev. Frank W. Price, Moderator, read selected verses from Ezekiel 18 and preached the opening sermon. He used as his theme, "All Souls," the text being Ezekiel 18:3-4.

The Assembly was called to order by the Moderator who also offered the opening prayer.

The Stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

ROLL

1. SYNOD OF ALABAMA

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
1.	Birmingham	James S. Cantrell	W. S. Morrow
	"	John W. McQueen	Harold Walker
	"	James J. Alexander	F. A. Peake
2.	Central Alabama	C. H. Williams	George Cunningham
3.	East Alabama	C. G. Partridge	Joel E. Johnson
	"	Murray E. Love	J. E. Carter
	"	Claude H. Rogers	John Calvin Sharpe
4.	Mobile	John Chester Frist	Pelham Durant
	"	Robert B. Siedentopf	Ort H. Ertzinger

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
5.	North Alabama	D. W. Hollingsworth	M. E. Malone
	"	John D. Hungarland	W. H. Steele, Jr.
6.	Tuscaloosa	Robert Moody Holmes	E. O. Graham
	"	Samuel J. Allen	W. Henderson Bruce

2. SYNOD OF APPALACHIA

1.	Abingdon	J. W. Weathers, Jr.	R. A. Dobyns
	"	D. McD. Monroe	Bert Edwards
	"	George H. Murray, III	N. C. Kelley
2.	Asheville	Robert A. Potter	Forrest B. Gardner
	"	Paul F. Warren	James A. Anderson
3.	Holston	Thomas A. Fry, Jr.	J. E. Faucette
	"	Owen B. Gumm	Lee G. Davy
	"	T. A. Freeman	Joseph A. Caldwell
4.	Knoxville	William S. Thorington	Carter N. Paden, Sr.
	"	Willard A. Peak	Paul S. Lewis
	"	J. Witherspoon Dunlap	R. S. Reynolds
	"	N. E. Oplinger	John F. Llewellyn

3. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS

1.	East Arkansas	J. W. Bryson	R. C. Bryan
	"	Cecil V. Crabb	A. E. Bassham
2.	Ouachita	F. R. Young	W. A. Smith
	"	B. A. Meeks	William H. Etter
3.	Washburn	R. D. Adams	Harvey Bushong
	"	Richard B. Hardie, Jr.	Frank McKeown

4. SYNOD OF FLORIDA

1.	Florida	William T. Wing, Jr.	V. G. Philips
	"	Robert B. Porter	Murdock M. Campbell
2.	St. Johns	E. S. Campbell	E. A. Millard
	"	J. G. Hutchinson	W. T. Hamilton
	"	Sterling L. Hunter	Carl A. Sealander
	"	Richard E. Coulter	Allen McMullen
	"	John B. Dickson	Armlon Leonard
	"	Alex R. Batchelor	Ralph Richards
	"	William H. Kadel	Dr. W. M. Davis
	"	Ronald S. Wilson	S. S. Holland
	"	Robert H. McCaslin	J. Maxwell Williams, Sr.
3.	Suwannee	U. S. Gordon	H. L. Gardner (3)
	"	C. Charles Benz, Jr.	George H. Burch
	"	Fred P. Turner	R. S. Rood
	"	Raymond G. Wickersham	W. A. Wallace, Sr.

5. SYNOD OF GEORGIA

1.	Athens	Harmon B. Ramsey	Fred W. Auld
2.	Atlanta	Bonneau H. Dickson	J. R. McCain
	"	Joseph L. Griggs	George B. Hoyt
	"	John R. Richardson	W. J. O'Callaghan
	"	John A. Wilson	Aldine Carmichael
	"	Harold McQ. Shields	L. P. Williams
	"	F. C. Talmage	Robert K. Price
	"	P. D. Miller	Robert F. Head
	"	Stuart R. Oglesby	H. H. Fettes

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
3	Augusta-Macon	Vernon A. Crawford	W. S. Gardner
	"	Robert Strong	G. W. Gignilliatt, Jr.
4	Cherokee	John H. Knight	Richard R. Nash
	"	L. R. Scott	J. B. Crawford
5.	Georgia-Carolina	T. J. James	
6.	Savannah	Robert M. Hamilton	Wm. L. Schwanebeck
	"	Carroll R. Stegall, Sr.	W. D. Carswell
7.	Southwest Georgia	Thomas J. White	Allen Ward
	"	E. McKinley Weaver	F. B. Patterson

6. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY

1.	Guerrant	Charles S. Sydnor, Jr.	George D. Hampton
2.	Lexington-Ebenezer	C. Arthur Scott	J. S. Wilson
	"	T. M. Johnston	Lewis V. Logan
3.	Louisville	Samuel R. Vanover	Briggs Lawson
	"	J. Brent Wood	Page Tucker
	"	E. Ashby Johnson	Gordie Young
	"	William T. Byrd, Jr.	Robert A. Lessenberry
4.	Muhlenberg	R. J. Hunter (2)	William P. Donan
5.	Transylvania	R. Waller Blain	Ed E. Davis

7. SYNOD OF LOUISIANA

1.	Louisiana	John W. Melton, Jr.	Lewis F. Wakeman
	"	Curtis J. Matthews	John W. Anthony
2.	Louisiana-Mississippi	Jawells Carr	Douglas G. Jones
3.	New Orleans	R. E. Kilgore	S. J. Graham
	"	John N. Blackburn	Robert Morrison
	"	Emmett A. Ehlers	Dr. E. Z. Browne
4.	Red River	Wade H. Boggs	C. Ben Winham, Sr.
	"	Wm. Robert Gage	Charles Wurster, Sr. (2)
	"	H. H. Thompson	R. W. Manning, Sr.

8. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI

1.	Central Mississippi	John Reed Miller	Chalmers W. Alexander
	"	Walter F. Hall	W. C. Leonard, Sr.
	"	Erskine L. Jackson	T. A. Lail
2.	East Mississippi	L. Allen Holley	W. Dal Clark (3)
	"	Leland C. Jorgensen	Dudley Watson, Jr.
3.	Meridian	R. D. Littleton	W. V. Ludlam
	"	R. G. Schwanebeck	Howard S. Williams
4.	Mississippi	O. W. Wardlaw	Mike L. Carr, Jr.
5.	North Mississippi	T. T. Williams	W. Frank Wood
	"	Murphey C. Wilds	R. B. Cox

9. SYNOD OF MISSOURI

1.	Lafayette	W. Howard Blazer	Felix Scott
2.	Missouri	Raymond B. Spivey	C. H. Clithero
3.	Potosi	John W. Cowan	Hope E. Morton
4.	St. Louis	H. Louis Patrick	L. John Gable
	"	G. Grey Dashen	Bert Sullivan
5.	Upper Missouri	David Thompson Agnew	H. Ivan Lytle
	"	W. E. Phifer, Jr.	Rex E. Brown
	"	John Fredrick	H. Grady Spencer

10. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
1.	Albemarle	James B. Ficklen	Fuller Saulter
	"	Edwin S. Coates, Jr.	Colon W. McLean
	"	James M. McChesney, Jr.	Hunter Keck
2.	Concord	Earl F. Thompson	R. D. Grier
	"	James R. Phipps	L. Young White
	"	John A. Ricks	Fred A. Long
	"	T. H. Spence, Jr.	A. R. Shiflet
3.	Fayetteville	S. H. Fulton	Halbert M. Jones
	"	W. W. Arrowood	Hector MacLean
	"	Cheves K. Ligon	S. H. MacPherson
	"	T. E. Nelson	Henry T. Atkins
	"	R. T. Haynes, Jr.	H. F. Monroe
4.	Granville	Kelsey Regen	C. A. Hutchins
	"	Charles S. McChesney	Dr. Robert R. Wilson (4)
	"	Robert Bluford, Jr.	J. F. Chappell
5.	Kings Mountain	P. D. Patrick	James A. Nixon
	"	George L. Riddle	H. W. Crenshaw
	"	W. Hoyt Pruitt	E. M. Craig
6.	Mecklenburg	C. H. Rowan	W. E. Price
	"	James A. Jones	S. H. McCall, Jr.
	"	Watt M. Cooper	T. M. Glasgow
	"	M. G. Lyerly	McAlister Carson
	"	Warner L. Hall	W. Harvey Morrison
	"	Kirk N. Nesbit	John G. Boyd
	"	F. Clyde Pratt	H. H. Everett
	"	Charles E. S. Kraemer	Vester McLaughlin
7.	Orange	Carl H. Stark, Jr.	Stephen A. White
	"	John C. Whitley	Clarence D. Jones
	"	G. Aiken Taylor	R. L. Neal, Sr.
	"	John A. Redhead, Jr.	Byrd Barker
	"	J. P. H. McNatt	W. A. Rankin
8.	Wilmington	Mack C. MacQueen	T. C. Gurganus
	"	Leslie C. Tucker	W. M. Dickson
	"	James W. Miller	Jordan A. Sloan
9.	Winston-Salem	Julian Lake	O. C. Mahaffey (2)
	"	James A. McAlpine	J. Marion Burke

11. SYNOD OF OKLAHOMA

1.	Durant	J F. Austin	Eugene W. Fry
2.	Indian	Elijah Wisdom	David M. Imotichey
3.	Mangum	Walter A. Bennett	Frank S. Thompson

12. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

1.	Bethel	Jamie D. Stimson	Miles A. Bigger
	"	Walter L. Baker	Hugh J. McCorkle
	"	E. C. Clyde	Allen Suttle
2.	Charleston	C. K. Douglas	William G. Boyce
	"	Daniel A. Bowers	Grainger Lanneau
3.	Congaree	Fred V. Poag (2)	Dr. Robert Douglas
	"	Walter K. Beaty	John B. Klugh
4.	Enoree	J. B. Sloan, Jr.	Clarence H. Crow
	"	C. Edward Davis	P. H. Grayson
	"	Cecil A. Thompson	T. P. Hartness

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
5.	Harmony	Donald B. Bailey	Orville K. O'Steen
	"	Cliff H. McLeod	Gifford W. Shaw
6.	Pee Dee	E. N. Clower	Dan T. McKeithen
	"	T. Ellison Simpson	Dr. Sam M. Witherspoon
7.	Piedmont	I. E. Wallace	S. C. Stribling
	"	J. B. Davidson	George C. Welch
8.	South Carolina	W. H. Kryder	Thomas L. Boozer
	"	George A. Anderson	W. W. Harris

13. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE

1.	Columbia	Albert E. Dimmock	Joe W. Hamilton
2.	Memphis	Alex W. Hunter	John R. Wallace
	"	Robert S. Hough (2)	W. B. Cook
	"	A. Clarke Dean	Clifford W. Coleman
	"	R. L. Jetton	A. Van Pritchartt
3.	Nashville	Walter R. Courtenay	Henry H. Hill (2)
	"	Armand L. Currie	E. G. Roberts
	"	Thomas C. Barr	R. S. Reynolds

14. SYNOD OF TEXAS

1.	Brazos	William A. Baine	Edward T. Noel
	"	Robert H. Bullock	Grant Webster
	"	Joe M. Owen	Wm. W. McLean
	"	Faries J. McDaniel	Norman Jensen
	"	Larry E. Gilbert	Phil Nathans
	"	J. H. M. Boyce	J. G. Whitten (2)
2.	Central Texas	Roy T. Sherrod, Jr.	Robert M. Hague
	"	John C. Solomon	Dr. H. A. Juengerman
3.	Dallas	E. M. Shepard, Sr.	F. C. Byrd
	"	Guy B. Duff	Alden C. Mann
	"	William M. Elliott, Jr.	Chester R. Cole
	"	Allen H. Craft	Melvin W. Moore
	"	Richmond McKinney	Lee Shaller
4.	El Paso	Lewis O. Waterstreet	C. D. Birdsong
	"	Paul D. Wright	Lewis Cunningham
5.	Mid-Texas	Robert F. Jones	H. P. Moore
	"	Flynn V. Long	W. Maxwell Turner
	"	R. W. Jablonowski, Jr.	Crawford C. Martin
6.	Paris	J. J. Wester	Fred P. Johnson
	"	James B. Storey	Swanson Yarbrough
7.	Texas-Mexican	J. L. Leos	E. M. Pimentel
8.	Western Texas	George Mauze	W. L. Clyborne
	"	Conway T. Wharton, Jr.	G. E. McKamey
	"	David L. Stitt	Hon. W. O. Murray, Sr.
	"	Sherwood H. Reisner	Harvey Horton
	"	Harvard A. Anderson	Joe A. Sloan

15. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA

1.	East Hanover	Patrick H. Carmichael	John C. Anderson
	"	Connolly C. Gamble, Jr.	J. L. Sanders
	"	J. H. Marion, Jr.	Eldon D. Wilson
	"	Wm. B. McIlwaine, Jr.	Bolling H. Ellis
	"	Paul Tudor Jones	S. J. Patterson, Jr.

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
2.	Lexington	Frank W. Price	B. L. Kagey
	"	H. G. Allen	J. Sybert Hansel
	"	Thomas H. Grafton	S. Gordon Stewart
	"	Lawrence W. Kessler	S. F. McClure, Jr.
	"	O. W. Perrell	Stephen D. Timberlake
3.	Montgomery	William R. Sengel	Paul Farmer
	"	J. Howard Macrae	Robert D. Carson
	"	F. Hubert Morris	Gordon M. Roberts
	"	B. F. Sperow	Robert M. Wert
	"	Fred S. McCorkle	W. W. Halligan
4.	Norfolk	Donald G. Miller	Thomas W. Brooks
	"	Raymond C. Flitton	E. Rowland Lewis
	"	John H. Grey, II	Hon. Edward L. Breeden
	"	Royce K. McDonald	George J. Dobbins
	"	James Edward Graham	Donald L. Smith
5.	Potomac	Kenneth G. Phifer	B. Louis Goodyear
	"	Benjamin A. Lynt	Edward N. Stirewalt
	"	David C. Crawford, Jr.	Donald G. Benn
	"	John O. Taxis	Newman W. Hopkins
6.	Roanoke	E. E. Kirkman	John W. Boozer
	"	A. R. Bolls	William H. Smith, Jr.
7.	West Hanover	David H. W. Burr	W. L. Lord
	"	William B. Rogers	B. Calvin Bass
8.	Winchester	George D. Jackson	J. H. Lowden
	"	William B. Abbot	Melvin H. Shick
	"	J. Stanton Blain	Ray Parks

16. SYNOD OF WEST VIRGINIA

1.	Bluestone	Don R. Brandon	Paul S. Hudgins
	"	Howard H. Gordon	A. W. Steller
2.	Greenbrier	J. D. Arbuckle	D. T. Moore
	"	J. F. Hubbard	Judge Nickell Kramer
3.	Kanawha	A. D. Ellison	W. H. McFadden
	"	Cecil O. Eanes	Sam J. Maynard
	"	Vernon L. Fisher	Carl A. Turner
	"	William E. Crane	Charles C. Lipscomb
	"	Donald R. Weiglein	Floyd E. McClung

Rev. C. Darby Fulton, Messrs. W. E. Price and J. R. McCain, former moderators, were presented to the Assembly by the Moderator and invited to sit on the platform.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The rules governing the election of a Moderator were reviewed by the Stated Clerk after which Rev. Wade H. Boggs, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Red River, was elected Moderator.

While the clerks were tabulating the votes for Moderator the Assembly transacted the following business:

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CLERKS

Upon nomination by the Stated Clerk, Rev. Daniel A. Bowers, of the Presbytery of Charleston, Rev. Kirk N. Nesbit, of the Presbytery of

Mecklenburg, and Rev. G. Grey Dashen, of the Presbytery of St. Louis, were elected Temporary Clerks.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented the following communications which were referred as indicated:

To the Standing Committee on Judicial Business

1. From the Moderator and members of the Judicial Commission of the 1952 General Assembly, protesting the action of the 1953 General Assembly relative to the complaint of Rev. J. W. Marshall versus the Synod of Florida.

2. From the Presbytery of Atlanta expressing disapproval of enacting paragraphs to Book of Church Order on Divorce and Remarriage since the proposed amendments to the Confession of Faith were defeated by the presbyteries. Further, it is requested that a booklet be prepared carrying title such as "The Assembly's Counsel on Marriage."

To the Standing Committee on Christian Education

From Rev. Henry Edward Russell, requesting that the General Assembly initiate action and secure the cooperation of other Presbyterian bodies to produce a film of the life of John Knox.

To the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations

1, 2 and 3 from the Session, Shenandoah church, Miami, Fla., the Session, Covenant church, Columbia, S. C., and the congregation of the Arsenal Hill church, Columbia, S. C., requesting the General Assembly to discontinue plans and efforts for Union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church and to dismiss the Committee on Union.

4. From Rev. William A. Mahlow, Moderator, and Rev. Robert Hastings, Stated Clerk, Bible Presbyterian Church, asking that the General Assembly give no heed to the action of the Western Section, World Presbyterian Alliance, which allegedly condemned activities of the American and International Councils of Christian Churches and which censured one of the ministers of the Bible Presbyterian Synod.

5. From Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary, National Council of Churches, replying to resolution of the 1953 General Assembly requesting change in basis of support of the National Council.

6. From Luther A. Gotwald, Executive Secretary, Division of Foreign Missions, National Council of Churches, calling attention to the provisions for representation on the General Board and the General Assembly of the National Council.

7. From the Faculty of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary expressing concern at news that the American Council of Churches is putting pressure on the State Department to forbid entrance into this country of certain representatives to World Council of Churches.

To the Special Standing Committee on Christian Relations

1. From the Board of Church Extension requesting (1) a revision of

the composition and relationship of the Council of Christian Relations and (2) provision for a Standing Committee on Christian Relations.

2. From Mrs. D. M. Lucas, Washington, N. C., expressing disapproval of segregation of the races.

In connection with the communication from the Board of Church Extension requesting a revision of the composition and relationship of the Council of Christian Relations the request was granted. The Moderator then appointed the following Special Standing Committee on Christian Relations:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

Rev. Fred V. Poag, Chairman. *Ministers*: Royce K. McDonald, William H. Kadel, Connolly Gamble, Jr., Harmon B. Ramsey, R. B. Spivey. *Elders:* W. J. O'Callaghan, William P. Donan, Eugene W. Fry, Robert Morrison, Ralph Richards, W. V. Ludlam.

The Stated Clerk presented the following overtures which were referred as indicated:

OVERTURES

To the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, 1-5, 61, 62, 63.

Replies are found on pages 54-56.

(1) WHEREAS, the 1953 General Assembly enacted amendments to Paragraph 126, Book of Church Order, particularly by substituing three paragraphs for the last paragraph of said Paragraph 126 (see 1953 Minutes of General Assembly, p. 64); and,

WHEREAS, the second of the newly enacted paragraphs requires that a Temporary Supply be a minister, while the second sentence of Paragraph 126 provides that, in addition to ministers, "Presbytery may approve licentiates, candidates, or laymen as Temporary Supplies";

NOW, THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Western Texas respectfully overtures the General Assembly to approve and submit to the presbyteries for their advice and consent an amendment to Paragraph 126, harmonizing these inconsistent statements.

Our suggestion is to amend the first line of the second newly enacted paragraph by inserting a comma after the word "minister" and adding "a licentiate, a candidate, or a layman" before the word "employed," making this paragraph read: A Temporary Supply is a minister, a licentiate, a candidate, or a layman employed by the Session under this title, . . ." the remainder of the paragraph to remain unchanged.

(2) WHEREAS, the offices of Elder and Deacon are ordinarily deemed perpetual and vocation thereto is by the calling of God; and

WHEREAS, ordination to an office in the Church is presently deemed for life, whether the term of office be for life or for a brief period; and

WHEREAS, the present provisions of the Book of Church Order thereby exhibit certain logical ambiguities and contradictions;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Orange respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take under advisement the logical contradictions now exhibited by paragraphs 154-157 of the Book of Church Order, with a view to changing the Church's doctrine of Ordination, or else repealing the provisions of paragraph 156 pertaining to the rotation of officers.

(3) The Presbytery of Western Texas respectfully overtures the General Assembly to revise paragraph 304 of the Book of Church Order as follows:

The name of any member whose residence has been unknown for one year to the

Session, or who for one year has not attended its services, contributed to its financial support, or otherwise manifested an interest in the church may, after diligent effort to locate and re-enlist said member has failed, be retired by the Session to a separate roll for retired members, and the names on this retired roll shall not be reported to the Presbytery in the annual statistical report as a part of the total membership of the church.

(4) In view of the fact that fifty years ago we had only three churches with 1,000 or more members, and that now we have in our Southern Presbyterian Church 96 churches with members ranging from 1,000 to 4,107, the Presbytery of Concord overtures the General Assembly to take steps toward *encouraging* our largest churches to *colonize* rather than to *centralize* in one large church, for at least two reasons:

1. Jesus said in John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." The Oriental shepherd knew his sheep and lambs and called them by name. So the pastor, the undershepherd, should know his people. But, with many other pressing duties, a pastor, in one of the large churches, can not know half of the members of his church when he meets them on the street, much less can he find time to get into the homes of the people and get acquainted with the children.

2. Around, and within the bounds of these large churches, there are a number of small churches striving for self-support and some even struggling for their very life; that, with the help the large church could give them, in members and money, they would soon be self-supporting and real assets to the church at large, and release more money for the evangelistic and home mission work.

(5) The Presbytery of Albemarle overtures the General Assembly that the form of the church letter of dismissal of a member from one church to another, be made to show what, if any, office in the church or Sunday school the dismissed member held at the time of dismissal, or had held prior to the request for dismissal.

(61) The Presbytery of Meridian respectfully overtures the General Assembly to clarify the last sentence in Paragraph 146, Book of Church Order, on the points which are named below in quotation.

Par. 146, "The pastoral relation of an Associate Pastor, if there be any, shall be dissolved on the dissolution of the pastoral relation of the senior Pastor." (See Par. 126, "Dissolution only by Presbytery.")

a. Does this apply only to the dissolution of the relation of the senior Pastor by act of Presbytery, or also to the termination of that relationship by his death, or automatic retirement at age 70?

b. Is the dissolution of the relationship of the Associate Pastor under such circumstances considered automatic, or must there be a congregational meeting for the purpose of requesting Presbytery to dissolve the relationship of the Associate Pastor?

c. If such congregational meeting is implied, who should take the initiative in requesting such a meeting—the Associate Pastor or the Session?

d. After the death of the Senior Pastor, would a session violate the purpose of the sentence quoted above by inviting the Associate Pastor to preach from Sunday to Sunday and render other important services during the week, until the church secured a Pastor?

(62) The Presbytery of St. Johns overtures the General Assembly as follows:

1. That the Presbytery not be required to receive a minister, though he resides within its bounds, who does not have a call to a work or is engaged in a work approved by the Presbytery.

2. That the membership of ministers on retirement ordinarily remain in the Presbytery of which they are members at the time of their retirement.

(63) SINCE the study, teaching and practice of so-called "faith-healing," or "divine healing," are not only the practice of many of the non-established and traditional

churches, but also increasingly are drawing attention among many of our own constituency,
AND FURTHERMORE, since the theology and ethic of such healing may sometimes be questionable, if not contradictory and confusing,
BUT SINCE undoubtedly the Bible does give some definite basis for belief in the power of faith with reference to healing,
THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Brazos respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee to make a thorough study of this matter and make a written report of its findings to the General Assembly, in order that the General Assembly, if it deems best, may give our people and especially our ruling and teaching elders specific guidance and direction in the handling of this matter.

To the Standing Committee on Judicial Business, 6-27, 55, 64-67.

Replies are found on pages 57, 58.

(6) The Presbytery of Missouri respectfully overtures the General Assembly to amend paragraph 70 of the Book of Church Order by adding the words: "and except that Ruling Elders who are chairmen of permanent committees of the Presbytery are members of the Presbytery during their Term of office."

(7) WHEREAS, in the proposed amendment to Par. 109

1. the proposed certificate of transfer is not defined here or elsewhere in the Book of Church Order

2. the agency which is to issue the certificate of transfer is not indicated

3. the time when the certificate of transfer is to be presented is not stated

4. the effect of the certificate of transfer is not explained—does it mean, for example, that a lower court, the session, actually transfers the candidate to a higher court, the presbytery. If so this is a new procedure for the Presbyterian Church. Does it mean that the Presbytery cannot ordain a candidate or licentiate without a certificate of transfer—that the certificate of transfer is another prerequisite for ordination? If so, the Presbytery would no longer be the sole judge of the qualifications for ordination according to our established Presbyterian procedure. If not, in what sense is it a certificate of transfer? A local church cannot receive a member without a letter of dismission (or other testimonial) from another church, but in such a case we are concerned with the relation between coordinate courts. In the proposed amendment we are concerned with the proper relationship between an inferior and a superior court. It is more in accordance with Presbyterian procedure that presbytery notify the local church, through its session, that a candidate has been ordained, and is therefore to be dropped from its roll.

Therefore, the Presbytery of East Hanover overtures the General Assembly

1st: to decline to enact the proposed amendment to Par. 109.

2nd: to approve and submit to the presbyteries for their approval the following substitute to be included as Par. 145B in the Book of Church Order: "When a candidate or licentiate has been ordained by a presbytery or its commission, the session of the congregation of which he is a member shall be notified by the stated clerk of the presbytery. Upon receipt of this notice the session shall drop the now ordained minister from the roll of its members and proper record thereof be made."

(8) The Presbytery of East Hanover overtures the General Assembly to strike out the entire clause beginning with the word "provided" in the proposed amendment to Par 154, and to resubmit this amended paragraph to the presbyteries for their advice and consent.

(9) The Presbytery of Mangum overtures the General Assembly to earnestly consider the following amendment to the proposed amendment to Paragraph 303 in the interest of brevity and clarity:

The first two sentences to be unchanged, but grouped together as one paragraph.

The Session may receive members from other churches in our own denomination, or in any other denomination recognized by our own as a branch of the true Church, by any of the following methods:

1. By certificate.

2. By verbal statement or other satisfactory testimonial indicating membership in good standing in a designated church. Such cases shall be recorded as reception by certificate.

3. By reaffirmation, under examination by the Session, of faith in Jesus Christ, and of the purpose to serve Him to the best of one's ability.

When a member is received by statement or reaffirmation, the church of which he was a member shall be duly notified, if possible.

(10) The Presbytery of Abingdon overtures the General Assembly:

1. That we approve the general principles of the proposed amendments to paragraphs 339-346;

2. But request that the amendments be simplified and clarified and discrepancies be removed;

3. And request also that the organization recommended in these paragraphs be made optional rather than mandatory.

(11) The Presbytery of Mid-Texas, approving in principle the proposed revision of the Book of Church Order, Chapter VIII, respectfully overtures the General Assembly to make the revision of wording as follows and resubmit the amended proposals to the presbyteries:

CHAPTER VIII—THE CHURCH SCHOOL

339. The Church as the Body of Christ and the society of believers is fundamental in achieving Christian nurture. The Church, through many kinds of efforts, seeks to further Christian nurture. The most important of these is the Church School. By the Church School is meant the Sunday Church School, the Vacation Church School, the Weekday Church School, and related organizations. The Church School, however, recognizes the responsibility of the family for Christian nurture and encourages the Christian family to accept Christian Education as a task in which it has its own obligations.

340. It is presumed that the membership of the Church School is composed of the whole constituency of the local Church. The actual membership is composed of all who actually are enrolled as members of the Church School.

341. (Approved as written.)

342. Each Church School is under the control of the Session. Under the Session there is ordinarily the Church Planning Committee, composed of the leaders of each organization in the church, which is responsible for the development and correlation of the whole program of the church. Ordinarily there is a Committee on Christian Education, appointed annually by the Session, which is responsible for the total program of the Church School. It shall be represented on the Church Planning Committee where there is such a committee. The Committee on Christian Education shall be composed of from three to seven qualified persons, one or more of whom shall be members of the Session. The Chairman shall ordinarily be one of the Elders on the committee; the Pastor, Director of Christian Education, and the Superintendent of the Sunday Church School shall be advisory members. The Sunday School Council, which is composed ordinarily of the general officers of the Sunday School and Department leaders, is responsible for the operation of the Sunday Church School.

It shall be the duty of the Session to elect annually a Superintendent and all necessary officers, leaders, and teachers of the Sunday Church School. It shall appoint annually leaders and advisers of all groups of the Church School. The names of all officers and leaders elected by organizations of the Church School shall be submitted to the Session for approval. Where the Session has appointed a Committee on Christian Education, it shall be the duty of this committee, with the concurrence of the Pastor, to nominate to the Session these persons. If no Committee on Christian Education has been appointed, the Superintendent is elected by the Session and he with the concurrence

of the Pastor, shall nominate all teachers and officers. In churches employing a Director of Christian Education, the Session shall elect the Director and define the duties of the office.

It is the duty of the Session to keep itself informed as to the needs and condition of the Church Schools under its care, and to see that they are provided with all things necessary to their efficient service.

The Committee on Christian Education or, when no such committee has been appointed, the Pastor and Superintendent shall submit to the Session for their approval the curriculum of the Church School. No materials shall be used in the Church School without the approval of the Session.

343. (Approved as written.)

344. The Pastor as the Teaching Elder is the director of the total educational program of the church, and shall be recognized as such by the whole School. However, a Pastor may delegate specific phases of this responsibility to a Director of Christian Education. The Superintendent is the chief officer of the Sunday Church School. It is his duty to see that the Sunday School is organized according to the standards established by the Church through its Board of Christian Education; to have general supervision of all departments, classes, and activities; to nominate to the Session, when there is no Committee of Christian Education, or to the Session through the Committee on Christian Education with the concurrence of the Pastor, all other general officers and assistants, all department Superintendents and officers, and all teachers; to preside at the meetings of the Sunday School Council and Workers' Conference, and bring before them matters requiring consideration; and to make annual reports covering all phases of the Sunday Church School to the Committee on Christian Education or to the Session.

345. (Approved as written.)

346. (Approved as written.)

(12) The Presbytery of Red River overtures the General Assembly requesting that the wording throughout the proposed Amendment to Chapter VIII, Book of Church Order, paragraphs 339-346, on the Church School, be changed from "Religious Education" to "Christian Education" to comply with the current terminology.

(13) The Presbytery of Memphis overtures the General Assembly to replace the words "Religious Education" in Paragraphs 339-346 with the words "Christian Education."

(14) WHEREAS, there are a number of ill-considered expressions in the proposed amendment to Paragraphs 339-346 of the Directory for Worship, for example:

1 Par. 339, line 4, contains the expression, "we mean," a statement in the first person plural which is out of line with the whole style of the Book of Church Order, which regularly employs the third person.

2 Par. 342 sets up a Church Planning Committee which is made responsible for the development and correlation of the whole program of the Church. It is doubtful whether such a commitee is desirable in every church; it seems to trespass upon the prerogatives of the session. If it is desirable to have such a committee in every church, it should not be set up incidentally in a chapter dealing with the Church School.

3 Par. 342 in its first paragraph seems to assume or direct that there will be a church planning committee, a committee on religious education, a Sunday School Council, a D. R. E. in every church. The second paragraph indicates that some of these are optional. There are details of operation here that are questionable at best, and which in any case do not need to be set forth in the constitution of the Church.

4 Par. 342, par. 2, states that officers and teachers of the Sunday School are to be elected by the Session, but it is further provided that nominations for these positions shall be made either by the Committee on Religious Education or by the Pastor and Superintendent. This last provision would seem to limit the power of the session, to permit them to elect only those so nominated.

5 In Par. 344, it is stated that it is the duty of the Superintendent to see that the Sunday School is organized according to standards established by the Church *through*

its Board of Christian Education. This provision infringes on the rights of the Session, and gives the Board of Christian Education authority to set up standards which become mandatory for every Sunday School in the Church, without approval of either General Assembly or Session.

6 Par. 342 seems to place the D.R.E. under the direction of the session; Par. 344, on the other hand, seems to place the D.R.E. under the direction of the Pastor. There is room here for misunderstanding.

7 Par. 346 seems to make the Sunday School an independent entity, and to place in its hands responsibilities which properly belong to the session.

8 The Pastor and the Superintendent of the Sunday School are only advisory members of the important committee on Religious Education which is made responsible for the total program of the Church School.

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of East Hanover overtures the General Assembly to decline to enact the proposed amendments to Pars. 339-46 and recommit them to the Board of Education for further study.

(15) The Presbytery of Roanoke respectfully overtures the General Assembly to restudy and rewrite Paragraphs 339-346, and give further consideration to Paragraphs 376 A-D, and to Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith.

(16) The Presbytery of Mid-Texas respectfully overtures the General Assembly to make the following revisions of the proposed Paragraphs 376C and 376D, and to resubmit the revised paragraphs to the presbyteries:

(Please note the reversal of the order of the paragraphs.)

376C. Each presbytery shall set up a commission on remarriage, to which all marriages of divorced persons which a minister might feel can be truly Christian shall be referred. This committee shall meet at the call of the chairman to examine applications made by divorced persons to ministers in the presbytery. The minister shall be responsible for counselling with the couple and turning all relevant facts to the commission, and the commission shall render a decision.

376D. When a Christian who has been divorced applies to a minister for remarriage, the chief concern of the minister and the presbytery's commission on remarriage will be two-fold:

1 the teachings of the Scripture concerning marriage and divorce, and the forgiveness of sins; 2 the applicant's present fitness of heart and life for the intended marriage. The supreme test of this fitness should be one's honest purpose to profit from past experience and to plan and work for a truly Christian home on soundly spiritual foundations. If the applicant has been clearly and grossly wronged by a previous mate, this fact may incline the Church to allow and sanction the remarriage without further question, but the mere fact of having been wronged will not necessarily mean that the applicant understands fully the spiritual demands of marriage and holds to a high and serious purpose to make the coming marriage Christian. The minister and the presbytery's commission therefore should take care to be as fully satisfied on the latter point as on the first. On the other hand, if the applicant has been clearly at fault in the break-up of the earlier marriage, or is found even to be chiefly at fault, the mere fact of previous guilt (however grievous) should not be held as a rigid or final disqualification for remarriage under the auspices and with the sanction of the Church. Here too the minister and the commission on remarriage of the presbytery should weigh, as of paramount importance, the quality of the applicant's faith, contrition and purpose now, being mindful always of the infinite mercy of God and careful never to hold against any honest child of God a sin which God himself may have forgiven and put behind him forever. In a word, in all cases where remarriage is sought, the decision should turn not so much on what the applicant has done but rather on what this person by God's grace has now become and what, with God's help, he (or she) honestly intends and hopes to do in the future.

(17) The Presbytery of Central Texas respectfully presents the following overture in two parts:

I. That the General Assembly supply Scripture references, in footnotes, for Chapter 26 of the Confession of Faith, if and as amended.

II. That the General Assembly consider and answer the following comments in revising Paragraphs 376A-D, in order to clarify:

1. The term "investigation" in the proposed Book of Church Order, Par. 376D is confusing. Is the minister to investigate and presumably make his judgment on the basis of the divorce situation (Chapter 26, Par. V, Confession), or on the basis of the divorced persons' state of penitence? (Chapter 26, Par. VI, Confession).

2. The effort to place responsibility for a decision on the minister for the remarriage of divorced people without any objective criteria by which to guide him, no waiting period he must observe, nor any committee to which he must refer the case, will often lead to hasty decisions under pressure of circumstances which may not enhance the honor of the church nor lead the people to a deeper understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (See last sentence in Paragraph 376D of the proposed paragraphs to be added to the Book of Church Order.)

3. The role of the Presbytery's or Session's Committee on remarriage (Book of Church Order, 376D) appears to be entirely permissive and therefore almost non-essential in the proposed plan.

(18) WHEREAS, the present Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith is set forth with the supporting Scripture, and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision of Chapter XXVI is not so supported, either by references, or by expositions of the teachings of Scripture on divorce and remarriage, and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision of Chapter XXVI seems to present a more lax position than the present form of this Chapter,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Harmony respectfully overtures the General Assembly to refer this matter with the proposed revision of Chapter XXVI to the Department of Christian Relations, of the Board of Church Extension, for study; and instruct the Department of Christian Relations to present the Scriptural basis for any future proposals of changes to be made in this Chapter of the Confession of Faith.

(19) WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Harmony is overturing the General Assembly to refer the proposed revision of Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith—on Marriage and Divorce—to the Department of Christian Relations, for study and possible later presentation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment adding Paragraphs 376 A-D to the Book of Church Order, are in conflict with the present form of Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith; and

WHEREAS, the proposed addition of Paragraphs 376 A-D goes further than the proposed revision of Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith, and in effect approves divorce and remarriage on practically any grounds;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Harmony respectfully overtures the General Assembly to refer the proposed amendments, adding Paragraphs 376 A-D, to the Department of Christian Relations of the Board of Church Extension, with instructions to bring it into line with any future proposals of change of the Confession of Faith, Chapter XXVI.

(20) The Presbytery of Norfolk respectfully overtures the General Assembly to delay final action on the proposed changes in the Confession of Faith and the Book of Church Order regarding marriage, divorce and remarriage, if the necessary majority of presbyteries vote in the affirmative, until further study of the Biblical and theological aspects of the question may be made. We suggest that the study be made by the professors in the Biblical and theological departments of the four seminaries of our Church; that if these cannot reach a common mind, both a majority and a minority report be presented, with the full evidence for each set forth, as a basis for a thorough Biblical and theological consideration of the question, before the Church makes her final confession of faith on this subject.

(21) The Presbytery of East Arkansas respectfully overtures the General Assembly to delay final action on the proposed changes in the Confession of Faith and the

Book of Church Order regarding marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, if the necessary majority of the presbyteries vote in the affirmative, until further study of the Biblical and theological aspects of the question may be made .We suggest that the study be made by the professors of the Biblical and theological departments of the four seminaries of our Church that if these cannot reach a common mind, both a majority and a minority report be presented, with the full evidence for each set forth, as a basis for a thorough Biblical and theological consideration of the question before the Church makes her final confession of faith on this subject.

(22) WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Guerrant disapproves at present the proposed changes in Chapter 26 of the Confession of Faith and in Paragraphs 376 A-D of the Book of Church Order,

THEREFORE, Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to appoint a committee of Biblical scholars to study the Biblical doctrine of marriage relative to these changes and report their findings to the General Assembly.

(23) The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint a committee of theologians and Biblical scholars from the faculties of our theological seminaries to make a thorough study of scriptural teachings on the subject of Divorce and Remarriage.

(24) The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly that in the event the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order in the Directory of Worship which include paragraphs 376 A-D, and a revision of Chapter 26 of the Confession of Faith do not receive the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the presbyteries, the General Assembly appoint an ad interim committee composed of the heads of departments of Biblical Theology in our four seminaries, several representatives of the Council of Christian Relations and such other members as it may deem wise, to make a thorough study of the scriptural bases for marriage and divorce, and if as a result of this study they feel there should be any changes in the existing laws governing marriage and divorce they recommend such changes to the General Assembly of 1955.

(25) The Presbytery of Orange overtures the General Assembly to continue its restudy of the proposed amendment of Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith on Marriage and Divorce.

(26) The Presbytery of Dallas respectfully overtures the General Assembly to give an interpretation to Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith and Chapter XIII of the Directory for Worship with respect to the following:

Do these chapters, as stated presently or with the proposed amendments, forbid a minister to perform the marriage ceremony for two non-Christians, or for a Christian who is marrying a non-Christian, interpreting Christian to mean communing member of some true Christian church?

(27) The Presbytery of Memphis overtures the General Assembly in regard to Paragraph 376, Book of Church Order, as follows:

Ministers are advised to give pre-marital instruction to all people seeking their service in performing marriage ceremonies. Such instruction to include: a statement of the Christian meaning of marriage and the family as set forth in the Standards of our Church; personal counseling to all individuals, and reference to suitable pamphlets and books on Christian marriage.

(55) The Presbytery of Roanoke respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee to conduct further study into the position of our Church as regards divorce and remarriage with special emphasis upon Biblical and theological background of this problem.

WHEREAS, the Amendments to Paragraphs 339-346 of the Book of Church Order are extremely specific in presenting the organization and terminology of the Church School, and

WHEREAS, the system of organization and the terms used in the Church School are subject to almost yearly change, and

WHEREAS, this will accentuate the necessity of revising the Book of Church Order yearly.

The Presbytery of Roanoke respectfully overtures the General Assembly to have these sections rewritten in more general terms.

(64) We, the undersigned Elders, respectfully overture the General Assembly to disapprove the recommendation of the Council on Christian Relations that Chapter 26 in our Confession of Faith be revised and to reject the entire report and recommendations on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage. We feel proposed changes are:

1. NOT justified by Scripture.
2. Against the Teachings of Jesus.

We call attention to the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:20 and to the warning of Jesus in Matthew 5:13.

Signed:

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The above overture was addressed to the Presbytery of Augusta-Macon, and was rejected.

(65) The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully overtures the General Assembly to re-study and re-submit the proposed additions to the Book of Church Order, Paragraph 376 A-D and the proposed revision of the Confession of Faith, Chapter XXVI, on Divorce and Remarriage.

(66) The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa respectfully overtures the General Assembly to continue the study of the Confession of Faith and the Book of Church Order relative to Marriage, Divorce and Re-Marriage and that in any future proposed amendments consideration be given to the following items:

1. That a clear exposition of the teaching of Holy Scripture in these matters be set forth as the reason for any proposed changes in the Standards.
2. That in any future proposed amendments the responsibility for deciding upon the fitness for the marriage of any person be vested in the Constitution of the Church or in one of its judicatories and not in the person of the Ministers.
3. That in any future proposed amendments consideration be given to a change in the Book of Church Order making mandatory the notification by the contracting parties of their intention to the Minister at least three days before the service of solemnization.
4. That in any future proposed amendments consideration be given to a change in the Book of Church Order making mandatory the lapse of a period of at least one year before a person who has been divorced on Scriptural grounds may be remarried.
5. That the General Assembly make a declaratory statement clarifying the distinction, if any, between a civil and a Christian marriage and the relationship between civil divorces and Christian remarriage.

(67) The Presbytery of Winchester respectfully overtures the General Assembly to request that a further study be made of the questions involved in the proposed Amendments to the Book of Church Order designated as paragraphs 376 A to D; and the revision of Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith; and we further request that this study be made by the representatives of the Bible Departments of our Theological Seminaries.

To the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, 28-30, 72, 73.

Replies are found on page 60.

(28) The Presbytery of Augusta-Macon respectfully overtures the General Assembly to list the churches alphabetically in the Minutes of the General Assembly rather than by ministers as is the present procedure.

(29) The Presbytery of Charleston respectfully overtures the General Assembly to include in its minutes the home telephone numbers of ministers and also of those lay members serving on the committees of the General Assembly as listed in the minutes.

(30) WHEREAS, the church year has been moved back three months to conform with a calendar year, thus necessitating a change in the time of meetings of presbyteries, synods, presbyterials and synodicals,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Mangum respectfully overtures the General Assembly to consider changing its time of meeting to conform with the change in the church year.

(72) Since the 93rd General Assembly voted to delete the Column on "Pastor's Salaries" from the *Statistical Report Blank* (of Presbyteries to the General Assembly), the Presbytery of Pee Dee respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take another step in this direction by deleting all titles and degrees in the Alphabetical List of Ministers and Licentiates.

(73) The Presbytery of Western Texas overtures the General Assembly to meet on or before the first Thursday in May, annually.

To the Standing Committee on General Council, 31-33.

Replies are found on page 95.

(31) The Synod of Tennessee overtures the General Assembly to establish an advisory council to the General Council, composed of one representative from each synod elected by the synod, which must be consulted before any church-wide special financial campaign is proposed to the General Assembly, in order that conflicts with the financial plans and obligations of the synods may be avoided. If this is not feasible, then we overture the General Assembly to create the means whereby such a group of representatives may be incorporated into the General Council, each representative to be elected by his synod for a specified term.

(32) The Presbytery of Nashville respectfully overtures the General Assembly requesting that the Board of Church Extension be instructed to raise the sum of two million dollars for the purpose of building new churches.

(33) The Presbytery of Potomac overtures the General Assembly to provide more adequate means whereby such funds as may be held for investment by the Boards and Agencies of the Assembly may be made available as loans to local churches for construction, and that the statement of the Session of the Westminster Church be appended to this overture for information of the Assembly.

To the Standing Committee on World Missions, 34.

Reply is found on page 98.

(34) The Presbytery of Orange overtures the General Assembly to direct its Executive Board of World Missions to stop the practice of making deductions from annuity payments because of other income which retired missionaries may have.

To the Standing Committee on Christian Education, 35-38, 56, 60, 68.

Replies are found on page 77.

(35) The Presbytery of Missouri respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct the Board of Christian Education to mail to all church school superintendents the amended paragraphs 339-346 of the Book of Church Order (Chapter VIII, "The Church School," in the Directory for Worship), for their edification and inspiration, if and when the amendment is adopted.

(36) WHEREAS, the number of churches without a pastor is reported as being 576 for the year 1952-53; and

WHEREAS, for more than five years a new church has been organized each week; and

WHEREAS, there has been a net growth of 131 church organizations in the last five years (from 3,602 to 3,733); and

WHEREAS, the number of graduates from our seminaries is not sufficient to give valid hope that the supply will soon be able to meet the demand; and

WHEREAS, there are many ruling elders and laymen well qualified to conduct worship services; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has issued a call to laymen to volunteer for service in our pastorless churches (1945, p. 84); and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has instructed the Board of Christian Education to prepare worship materials and sermons for use by laymen in pastorless churches and to promote the use of said materials in such churches (1945, p. 84); therefore

The Presbytery of Roanoke overtures the General Assembly

1. To reissue the call for volunteer laymen who are willing to conduct services in pastorless churches.

2. To request the Board of Christian Education to send sample worship material, including sermons, to the proper person or persons in each presbytery (the Executive Secretary, the Chairman of Church Extension, the Superintendent of Home Missions, the Chairman of the Division of Evangelism) with the request that it be placed in the hands of volunteer laymen.

3. That each presbytery be requested to lay upon the proper person or committee the responsibility of organizing the volunteer laymen for service, keeping a list of laymen available, and of churches desiring the services of such volunteers, and making all arrangements necessary for the laymen to conduct services.

4. That the Assembly consider the recognition of such lay preachers serving pastorless churches with some appropriate title, i. e., "Lay Preacher," as used by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Sections XI-XIV.)

5. That the Assembly request the Boards of our Theological Seminaries to consider the preparation of correspondence courses for training the "Lay Preacher," and the setting up of short residence periods in the summer, all of which would be designed to so train the layman that he would ultimately be qualified for ordination as an extraordinary case if he received a call to become pastor of a church.

6. That in order to implement this program, the responsibility be placed upon the Division of Men's Work, the Board of Christian Education, with the request that a plan for training and using laymen in pastorless churches be presented to the next Assembly.

7. That, pending the presentation of such a specific plan, the Division of Men's Work be urged to use every possible means to establish contact between laymen who are willing to serve and pastorless churches desiring such services.

(37) The Presbytery of Mobile overtures the General Assembly that the John Knox Press be instructed to publish the Book of Church Order in a loose-leaf edition. This would make possible all future editions being kept up to date if the annual revisions are printed and mailed to all ministers and those subscribing for such printing charges. It is believed that such action will make it possible for every church court to execute its business according to the most recent rulings of the General Assembly.

(38) The Presbytery of El Paso overtures the General Assembly to change the name of Pioneer to Junior High Fellowship and that other terminology in the Pioneer Department be given careful attention.

(56) From Rev. B. W. Baker. That the Assembly restrain the Board of Education, and cause it to cease asking reports directly from the sessions; and direct said Board to secure its reports in the constitutional way—through the presbyteries.

This overture was presented to the Presbytery of Memphis. It was rejected by Presbytery.

(60) Orange Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint a special committee to report at the subsequent meeting of the General Assembly to revise the Child's Catechism into language understandable by and meaningful to chil-

dren of our times; that to this end such aids as are now available in graded reading material be consulted.

(68) The Presbytery of Meridian respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee to make a study of methods for improving our literature for Young People with greater emphasis upon the teaching of our Confession of Faith; making it more adaptable to smaller churches; and to eliminate propaganda on controversial social and political issues, and the personal opinions advocating schemes for the centralization of church power.

To the Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief, 39, 57-59.

Replies are found on page 74.

(39) The Presbytery of East Mississippi overtures the General Assembly to authorize the Board of Annuities and Relief to increase the payments into the fund so as to provide the beneficiaries with an income that will enable them to meet more adequately the increased cost of living.

(57) WHEREAS, Many ministers across our Church who have not reached the retirement age of 65 or above, have been forced by sickness or ill-health to resign the active pastorate and,

WHEREAS, Their annuity payments are only $50.00 a month, which is completely inadequate to provide the bare necessities of life on this *age of inflation*, and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Relief is not supplementing the annuity with regular monthly payments commensurate to the need and in keeping with the large bank balance and other assets and funds held under the Department of Relief (see pages 42 and 43 of the 1953 Annual Reports of Assembly Agencies on Relief Funds).

The Presbytery of Orange requests the 1954 General Assembly to direct its Board of Annuities and Relief to pay every minister who becomes disabled under age 65 a minimum of $150.00 per month, including the annuity, in regular monthly payments, plus $50.00 per month for each child of the home that is completely dependent upon his parents for support.

(58) WHEREAS, Across our Church there are many widows of ministers and dependent children is completely inadequate in this day of inflation.

WHEREAS, The amount allowed under the present annuity plan for widows and dependent children is completely inadequate in this day of inflation.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully requests that the amount of annuity being paid to widows of ministers and dependent children be carefully studied and full information on same given to annuitants and to the Church at large.

(59) WHEREAS, Across our Church there are many ministers who have retired at the age of 70 years on the Minister's Annuity Plan, drawing the small annuity of approximately $50.00 per month and,

WHEREAS, Because of the shortage of ministers in our Church, caused by the splendid growth in the number of churches and the employment ofttimes of two or more ministers by larger churches, thus leaving many small churches and Home Mission groups of churches without a minister and,

WHEREAS, Those retired ministers are willing to be used of God and serve ofttimes as temporary or stated supply under the direction of the Commission on the Minister and His Work in the presbytery.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully requests the General Assembly to establish the ruling that any minister retiring at the age of 70 years, or above, on the annuity plan be permitted to draw his earned annuity each month thereafter regardless of income received from any other source.

To the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations, 40-51, 69-71.

Replies are found on pages 66, 67.

(40) The Presbytery of North Alabama overtures the General Assembly requesting

that the Committee on Union provide for regional synods after the pattern of the jurisdictional districts in the Methodist Church.

(41) The Presbytery of North Alabama hereby declares it feels that the Plan of Union of 1952 *LACKS THOSE TOKENS WHICH EVIDENCED GOD'S PRESENCE WITH AND FAVOR UPON OUR CHURCH.* Accordingly, Presbytery hereby overtures the General Assembly and the Assembly's Committee on Cooperation and Union to make the following changes in the 1952 Plan of Union:

1. That a larger place be given to the Kingship of Christ as was requested by the 1953 General Assembly, and that in particular, the following paragraphs of our Book of Church Order be included in the Plan, namely, paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 19, 58, 179.

2. That in the baptism of the children of the Covenant the following question of our Directory of Worship, paragraph 8, section 3, be included; that is, "Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?"

3. That the office of deacon be magnified as it is in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and that the responsibility for developing the grace of giving be laid upon them. That in Chapter 10, section 2, of the Plan of Agreement the word "men" be substituted for the word "persons"; and in chapter 8, section 2, the word "man" be substituted for the word "person."

4. That there be included in the Plan of Union the affirmation that no Presbytery, Synod or Assembly has the right, by lowering or raising the requirements historically agreed upon, to admit any minister or candidate who expresses unwillingness to accept the essential doctrines set forth in the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms.

5. That the word "written" be omitted from the Book of Church Order in the Plan of Union, Chapter 11, Section 3, top line, page 121.

(42) The Presbytery of North Alabama respectfully overtures the General Assembly to postpone the sending of the present Plan of Union to the presbyteries for an official vote, and to instruct the Committee on Co-operation and Union to try to work out with representatives of the other denominations ways and means toward a satisfactory solution to the basic difficulties that appear in important areas of service, without pressing at this time the question of organic union.

(43) WHEREAS, our Assembly is divided hopelessly on the question of organic union with other denominations, and

WHEREAS, the progress of our work is being impeded, and our efforts dissipated, by a continual agitation; and

WHEREAS, it appears extremely doubtful that a sufficient number of presbyteries will be enlisted in favor of organic union;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa request the General Assembly to dismiss the Committee on Union, and discontinue all discussion relating to the organic union of our Church with any other denomination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in view of the fact that the future existence of our Church, as a separate denomination, is at stake, rendering it a question of more far-reaching importance than any question before us since its organization in 1861, that this Assembly grant the privilege of full and complete discussion on both sides of the question.

(44) WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Congaree has studied the proposed Plan of Union of our Church with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church, and has concluded, after prayerful consideration, that it is unwise;

THEREFORE, Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to desist from further negotiation toward union, in order that the controversy thereabout may be ended without further dissension and resulting harm to our beloved Church.

(45) WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Harmony has studied the proposed Plan of Union of our Church with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church, and has concluded after prayerful consideration that it is unwise;

THEREFORE, this Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to desist from further negotiation looking toward union, in order that the controversy thereabout may be ended without further dissension and the resulting harm to our beloved Church.

(46) WHEREAS, Piedmont Presbytery has studied the proposed Plan of Union of our Church, with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church, and has concluded, after prayerful consideration, that it is unwise; therefore

This Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to desist from further negotiation looking toward Union, in order that the controversy thereabout may be ended without further dissension and resulting harm to our beloved Church.

(47) In view of the fact that it seems to us that formal union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., will not be a union in fact, but will result in a division in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., the Presbytery of Pee Dee respectfully requests the General Assembly:

1. To discontinue negotiations with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in regard to the union of the two Churches.

2. To establish a Committee on Cooperation and Comity to act with a similar committee of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in adjusting any situations within the bounds of our General Assembly that may be sources of friction or unrest.

(48) WHEREAS, the Presbyterian Church, U.S., has had before it for years the matter of organic union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and since the earnest and diligent efforts of some of the keenest thinkers in both Churches have been unable to present a plan of union which is satisfactory to both Churches, and because these continued efforts not only have not drawn our two Churches closer together, but have increasingly driven a wedge into our own Church causing many on both sides to lose confidence in their brethren on the other side, and in order that this matter no longer sap the spiritual power, the financial resources and the human energy of our Church;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Enoree respectfully overtures the General Assembly:

1 to instruct its Committee on Cooperation and Union to discontinue efforts toward organic union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and to explore the possibilities of federated union in which each Church would continue to operate as a separate Church in most respects but could work out better cooperation between the two Churches in many fields;

2 that the Committee on Cooperation and Union be instructed to express to the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the high regard in which we of the U.S. Church hold our sister Church and to assure her that it is not because of a lack of desire to become one with her, but rather because of the feeling that we cannot become one in view of an entirely different philosophy of government in the two Churches. It would seem that any reconciliation would necessitate too severe an adjustment on the part of either Church having to change;

3 that the General Assembly express to the Committee on Cooperation and Union of the three Churches its sincere appreciation for their earnest, patient and tireless efforts toward realizing the completion of the task to which they had been assigned.

(49) The Presbytery of Lafayette, believing that the issue of church union is too far-reaching in all of its consequences to allow it to be decided simply by representatives from the sessions of our churches, which representatives will, undoubtedly, be biased in their thinking, either for or against union, and, therefore, not necessarily represent the prevailing sentiment of the majority of the members of a particular church; and further

Believing that, in so vital a business as church union, a particular church should be granted the right of self-expression through a congregational meeting before its representatives attend a meeting of presbytery to vote on union, and by a three-fourths majority vote instruct its representatives as to how it wants them to vote on this issue;

The Presbytery of Lafayette respectfully overtures the General Assembly to make provision that each particular church shall have the opportunity to call a congregational meeting to vote on church union before and not after such union may have been approved by the Assembly.

It is the judgment of Lafayette Presbytery that such action would be no more congregational nor unpresbyterian in principle than to permit a particular church to vote not to stay in the united church if union should be effected.

(50) The Presbytery of Congaree overtures the General Assembly as follows:

So that the several congregations may have an opportunity to participate in any decision on the question of union the General Assembly is requested to take appropriate action to amend Paragraph 168, Chapter XXIX of the Book of Church Order, so that it will read:

168. Full organic union and consolidation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States with any other ecclesiastical body can be effected only in the following manner:

1. The approval of the proposed union by the General Assembly and its recommendation to the presbyteries.

2. The advice and consent of three-fourths of the Presbyteries.

3. The advice and consent of at least two-thirds of the congregations.

4. The approval and consummation by a subsequent General Assembly.

This paragraph (168) can be amended only by the same method which is prescribed for the amendment of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of the Church.

(51) The Presbytery of Concord overtures the General Assembly, that, if the Plan of Union be adopted, committees be appointed representing proponents and opponents of the Plan and to prepare a pamphlet setting forth in a clear-cut manner the issues involved and that such a pamphlet be made available to the church membership at large.

(69) The Presbytery of Knoxville, by a vote of 35 in favor and 18 opposed, respectfully overtures the General Assembly to vote down union with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and the United Presbyterian Church under the present plan of union.

(70) WHEREAS, the Presbytery of East Alabama has given careful and prayerful consideration to the Plan of Union to be submitted to the General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, this Presbytery has come to the conclusion that this Plan of Union is unacceptable and unwise,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of East Alabama respectfully overtures the General Assembly:

1. To disapprove this proposed Plan.

2. To desist from further negotiations looking toward union, in order that the controversy thereabout may be ended without further dissension and resultant harm to our beloved Church.

(71) The Presbytery of Winston-Salem overtures the General Assembly as follows:

If and when the General Assembly sends down to the Presbyteries the question of union with another church body or bodies, that all absent ministers of each Presbytery (thinking particularly of the Foreign Missionaries) be granted the privilege of recording their vote, the details of voting to be worked out by each Presbytery.

To the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions, 52, 53.

Replies are found on page 69.

(52) INASMUCH as the Mountain Retreat Association is an agency of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and since Montreat is the "home" of the General Assembly; and

INASMUCH as the Church has launched upon a program of seeking more Christian relations among peoples of varying racial and social origins, as illustrated in the dissolution of Snedecor Memorial Synod by receiving the presbyteries thereof into the synods within whose geographical boundaries they existed, and by many pronouncements by the Church; and

BECAUSE, to say the least, it constitutes an embarrassment to Christians of all races visiting Montreat from various parts of the United States and World Mission areas in other countries to find employees and residents at Montreat segregated because of racial and/or economic factors from the full life of the Church at Montreat;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Presbytery of Missouri respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct the Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association to redefine the existing policy so as to encourage the residents and em-

ployees, as well as visitors, at Montreat to participate freely and fully in the life of the Church at Montreat, without restriction or distinction on the grounds of race, economics or any other superficial factor, that the command of Christ and the goal of the Church for Christian brotherhood may be more nearly and more quickly met.

(53) WHEREAS, the blessings of God are commensurate to the earnest prayers of His people;

WHEREAS, our gracious Lord sanctified the cross and prepared the world's redemption in the costly prayer and intercession of Gethsemane;

WHEREAS, the New Testament Church was born in faithful prayer;

WHEREAS, the missionary movements of that Church were always preceded by prayer;

WHEREAS, the state of the Church and Nation calls for prevailing prayer in our day;

And finally, that we might enjoy the richest bond of fellowship and unity given by God to our beloved Church;

The Presbytery of Athens does hereby petition the General Assembly to include in the summer conferences in Montreat, in the same manner in which there are conducted Bible and Mission Conferences, a Prayer Conference, given wholly to the study of the nature and history of prayer, and the blessed activities thereof.

Through this, ministers, officers, women and youth from all over the Assembly may join in special intercession of God's Blessing upon the Church and her work in His name.

To the Standing Committee on Minister and His Work, 54.

Reply is found on page 62.

(54) The Presbytery of Bethel respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows: That the use of the term "Stated Supply," wherever it occurs in the Book of Church Order, be discontinued and the term "Supply Pastor" be substituted, with no change in the duties involved, or in the method of appointment, or of the term of service.

DOCKET

The Stated Clerk presented the docket as printed in the Blue Book. It was adopted as amended by providing a time to hear the report of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Survey on Saturday afternoon and a report of the Negro Campaign on Friday afternoon.

The Assembly set the following as the hours for the meetings: 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.; 2:00 p. m. until 5:30 p. m.; 7:30 p. m. until the will of the Assembly.

REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

The following reports of Permanent Committees were presented by the Stated Clerk and disposed of as indicated:

1. Judicial. To the Standing Committees on Bills and Overtures and Judicial Business.

2. Worship. The report was considered and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP

1. The worship services for this Assembly are printed in the back of the Blue Book for the convenience of the commissioners. They were prepared by the Reverend Samuel W. Newell, Jr.

2. It is recommended that the Assembly approve the appointment of Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby as the preacher for the service on Sunday morning and that the incoming Moderator appoint the ministers to preside and arrange for the Assembly Communion Service.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK W. PRICE, *Chairman.*

REPORTS OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

The Stated Clerk pointed out that the reports of the three Ad Interim Committees scheduled to report to this meeting, namely, on Cooperative Publication of Church Hymnal, on Montreat College, and on World Missions, were each given a place on the docket.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES

The Stated Clerk presented the following reports of trustees which were referred as indicated:

1. General Assembly and Presbyterian Foundation, Inc. To the Standing Committee on Office of the General Assembly.

2. Executive Committee on Historical Foundation. To the Standing Committee on Office of the General Assembly.

3. Mountain Retreat Association. To the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions.

REPORTS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

The annual reports of Austin, Columbia, Louisville and Union Theological Seminaries were referred to the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions.

VOTES ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The votes of the presbyteries on the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith were referred to the Standing Committee on Judicial Business.

WELCOME

Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, extended a cordial welcome to the Assembly, inviting the ladies present in Montreat to a reception in his home on Friday afternoon.

Rev. Marshall C. Dendy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, announced the opening of the Presbyterian Book Store in Montreat and invited commissioners and visitors to open house on Friday morning.

The Stated Clerk read the report of the Moderator. The Assembly expressed its appreciation for the services rendered by the retiring Moderator. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR (1953-1954)

Fathers and Brethren:

When the General Assembly of 1953 elected me Moderator I was nearing the end of

a missionary furlough and had already accepted the call to New Monmouth Church in Lexington Presbytery. I took up my work here on September 1 and was installed as pastor on November 1. My first word, therefore, must be one of heartfelt thanks to the New Monmouth session and congregation which have generously released me for more than a third of my time (a total of 10 Sundays and 111 weekdays) in order that I might fulfill my obligations to the Church-at-large.

Also, I wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Donald W. Shriver, Jr., my excellent student assistant from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond; to my very capable secretary, Mrs. Mary P. Stirling; to our Stated Clerk, Dr. E. C. Scott, for his constant advice and encouragement; and not least to my wife who has aided me in innumerable ways during a strenuous year.

Your prayers have sustained me in this responsibility as they did during our last difficult years in China. God has granted me good health so that I have not had to miss a single engagement, and an inner strength and peace of heart. For mistakes and failures I seek His forgiveness. For any service I may have rendered our beloved Church, to Him be all the praise.

In eight Moderator's Letters, mimeographed and circulated to a selected mailing list of about two hundred, I have reported from month to month some of my experiences and observations. Extracts from these letters have been published in some of our church papers. A longer and more detailed report together with the more important files of correspondence I am turning over to the Historical Foundation. In this paper I shall not attempt more than a brief summary of my work for the General Assembly in 1953-1954.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit within the bounds of all sixteen synods and within 53 out of our 84 presbyteries. Since the 1953 Assembly I have delivered 153 sermons and addresses to various church groups, in addition to 25 Sunday morning sermons at my home church. Also, I taught 38 class hours at summer conferences and other gatherings, participated in 7 open forums and 8 radio or television interviews, and represented our General Assembly on four special occasions when I had no active part in the program. The figures mentioned include five anniversary celebrations and five dedication ceremonies. Altogether I took part in 23 conferences, 17 of our own Church and 6 interdenominational conferences. I attended two meetings each of our General Council, the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union, and the Ad Interim Committee on World Missions. It was necessary to decline about 120 invitations.

I have made an effort to understand and to encourage all phases of our Church's life and activity. During the year I conferred with all the Boards and Agencies of our Church (except the Board of World Missions which I had met with earlier in 1953). I have visited sixteen of our colleges, our four theological seminaries, and the Assembly's Training School, three orphanages and children's homes, and the offices and editors of our four main church periodicals. I have been in a large number of Men of the Church and Women of the Church conferences and at several inspiring youth rallies.

It was possible, by frequent air travel, to accept invitations to seven Synod meetings, four Synodicals, and three other Synodwide meetings; and I sent messages of greetings to all the other Synod meetings which I could not attend. I spoke at three Presbytery meetings and six other Presbytery-wide conferences. Wherever possible, I visited town and country churches, Negro churches, work with minority racial groups, and new church developments. Three weeks in the month of February I devoted to traveling and speaking, mostly west of the Mississippi, in the interest of World Missions.

This has been the year of "educational program on the Plan of the Union." I have endeavored to keep before the Church the recommendations of the last General Assembly regarding "complete freedom of discussion" and the importance of "statements in accordance with the facts involved and in the light of Christian love and mutual forbearance." On November 16 I wrote a letter for publication in the church papers emphasizing eleven important facts related to study and discussion of the Plan of Union.

Several previous General Assemblies have endorsed the idea of "exploring avenues of acquaintance and cooperation . . . exchange of visitors and inspirational speakers . . .

greater measure of fellowship and understanding among American Presbyterians." I spent eighteen days in March on an itinerary arranged for me in churches and church gatherings of the Northern Presbyterian and United Presbyterian General Assemblies, covering in this period seven different states and speaking on 36 occasions. I was given a heart-warming welcome as a representative of our Southern Church. The Moderators of our two sister churches have spoken several times in our area.

Dr. John A. Mackay (Moderator of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.), Dr. Samuel C. Weir, (Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church), and I have been together in ten "Presbyterian Convocations" in three northern and seven southern cities. Rev. John N. Thomas of Richmond represented me at another Convocation in Pittsburgh. On January 6 the three Moderators and the pastor, Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, officiated at a Service of Prayer and Communion in National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D: C. At other times I have been on the same platform with Dr. Mackay or Dr. Weir, and I have been entertained most graciously also in their homes.

The Moderator's correspondence is heavy and covers a wide range. Letters of greeting, letters of sympathy, letters of welcome to returning and of farewell to outgoing missionaries, messages and articles for special occasions, answers to inquiries and criticisms, preparation for and followup of itineraries, consultation on the varied work of the Church, keep one busy. I must say that I have really enjoyed the correspondence, about 95 per cent of it. May I especially thank all those who have sent constructive suggestions and friendly assurance of their support and prayers.

Among my official letters was one of Christian greeting to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the Kasai, Congo Belge; a fine reply has been received which I have transmitted as a communication to our Stated Clerk. I regret that circumstances made it impossible for me to accept a warm invitation from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.

During the Moderatorial year I have made several interim appointments. By an oversight only one delegate had been appointed from our Assembly to the Fourth National Conference on the Churches and World Order which met in Cleveland last October. I appointed nine others whose expenses were paid by their own institutions or organizations: John R. Cunningham, Malcolm P. Calhoun, Robert R. Wilson, Carl M. Hill, H. E. Russell, E. L. Boyer, David L. Stitt, Francis P. Miller and Mrs. Andrew Dale. I have filled certain vacancies in our delegation to the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches meeting at Evanston in August, and in our delegation to the meeting of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches at Princeton this July, after consulting with the Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Assembly. The names of these, together with Chairmen of Assembly Standing Committees and the preacher for Assembly Sunday, May 30, were listed in my Moderator's Letter, Number 8. I appointed Rev. Cecil Lawrence in place of Rev. Charles E. S. Kraemer (resigned) on the Assembly's Ad Interim Committee for Montreat College, and I asked Dr. Ben R. Lacy to bear greetings from our Church to the General Synod of France during his visit there.

The Moderator's expenses for the year (including church and secretarial assistants) have been paid in part by the Treasurer of the General Assembly and also through generous contributions from many organizations and groups as I have traveled over the Church. Receipts from the latter source have totaled over four thousand dollars. My salary was paid by the Board of World Missions until August 31 and then by New Monmouth Church.

I have frequently sought counsel and help from the former Moderators of our Assembly. An Open Letter to all members of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., urging prayer for this General Assembly and a spirit of love and unity in its deliberations, was issued recently over the signatures of fourteen living former Moderators and the present Moderator. During the past year four former Moderators have finished their course on earth and have been called to larger service in the "general assembly and church of the firstborn whose names are enrolled in heaven": Dr. Harris E. Kirk, Dr. George Summey, Dr. Thomas K. Young, and my father, Dr. P. Frank Price.

Profound changes are taking place in our Southland and in the world today. We are called to meet new opportunities with vision, faith and courage. May we be worthy

of our precious heritage and of our great mission in this era of exacting transition and thrilling opportunity. May we be faithful to our Lord and Christ and obedient to His will for us. "So long His power has blest us, sure it still, will lead us on."

FRANK WILSON PRICE

May 20, 1954

It was announced that Rev. C. L. King, a former Moderator and a commissioner to this Assembly, was prevented from attending on account of the serious illness of his daughter. The Assembly was led in a special prayer for Dr. King and his family by Rev. C. Darby Fulton.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The result of the balloting was announced and Rev. Wade H. Boggs was declared elected. Upon motion, the election was made unanimous. He was inducted into office by Rev. Frank W. Price.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees for the 1954 sessions of the General Assembly have been appointed according to the Standing Rules. (See Appendix, page 202.) They are as follows:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. Frank W. Price, *Chairman.* Ministers: Julian Lake, S. H. Fulton, Sherwood H. Reisner, J. W. Bryson, Murphey C. Wilds, E. C. Clyde, Paul F. Warren, J. G. Hutchinson, David C. Crawford, Jr., Raymond C. Flitton, Willard A. Peak, C. G. Partridge, A. R. Bolls, Stuart R. Oglesby, James B. Ficklen, Roy T. Sherrod, Jr., John H. Marion, Jr., William A. Baine, William B. Abbot. Elders: H. P. Moore, L. John Gable, Ed. E. Davis, W. B. Cook, W. A. Rankin, Dan T. McKeithen, Paul S. Hudgins, John C. Anderson, Clarence H. Crow, Grant Webster, Gordon M. Roberts, T. A. Lail, Lee G. Davy, Forrest B. Gardner, Fred P. Johnson, Melvin H. Shick, McAlister Carson, J. E. Carter.

Judicial Business—Mr. Mike L. Carr, Jr., *Chairman.* Ministers: A. L. Currie, John O. Taxis, Charles S. McChesney, John B. Dickson, E. Ashby Johnson, R. W. Jablonowski, Jr., Cecil O. Eanes, Joseph L. Griggs, F. Hubert Morris, M. G. Lyerly, Erskine L. Jackson, J. A. McAlpine, Robert Strong, R. T. Haynes, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, John Fredrick, J. F. Austin, William M. Elliott, Jr. Elders: E. M. Craig, S. J. Graham, Lewis V. Logan, Vester McLaughlin, John F. Llewellyn, Nickell Kramer, Judge W. O. Murray, Sr., Rex E. Brown, O. C. Mahaffey, Joseph A. Caldwell, A. E. Bassham, John R. Wallace, J. Seybert Hansel, Joel E. Johnson, R. S. Reynolds, (Nashville), Edward N. Stirewalt, W. W. Halligan, Hon. Edward L. Breeden.

Office of General Assembly—Rev. W. E. Phifer, *Chairman.* Ministers: Daniel A. Bowers, G. Grey Dashen, Flynn V. Long, C. J. Matthews, J. P. H. McNatt, Alex W. Hunter, William T. Byrd, Jr., J. W. Weathers, Jr., D. R. Weiglein, H. H. Thompson, L. Allen Holley, Earl F. Thompson, W. W. Arrowood, Allen H. Craft, James F. Hubbard. Elders: P. H. Grayson, James Ross McCain, Henry T. Atkins, W. E. Price, W. H. McFadden, M. E. Malone, E. Rowland Lewis, Armlon Leonard, W. W. Harris, J. G. Whitten, Swanson Yarbrough, B. L. Kagey, Robert D. Carson, George C. Welch, J. H. Lowden, J. S. Wilson, Dr. Robert R. Wilson, Allen Suttle.

General Council—Mr. J. E. Faucette, *Chairman.* Ministers: Kelsey Regen, Faries J. McDaniel, H. G. Allen, Charles E. S. Kraemer, James B. Storey, Thomas A. Fry, Jr., Jawells Carr, Sterling L. Hunter, Robert F. Jones, Lewis O. Waterstreet, R. E. Kilgore, P. D. Patrick, Donald B. Bailey, T. E. Nelson, Walter F. Hall, Fred P. Turner, Thomas C. Barr, J. Stanton Blain. Elders: H. H. Everett, William W. McLean, Harvey Horton, Murdock M. Campbell, R. S. Rood, H. Ivan Lytle, George B. Hoyt, Chester R. Cole, S. J. Patterson, Jr., Lewis F. Wakeman, Hector MacLean, R. W. Manning, Sr., G. W. Gignilliat, Jr., W. M. Davis, Frank McKeown, William G. Boyce, Dr. Robert Douglas, Pres. Henry H. Hill, Paul Farmer.

World Missions—Rev. David L. Stitt, *Chairman.* Ministers: Cliff H. McLeod, John H. Grey, John A. Redhead, Jr., Cecil A. Thompson, John H. Knight, D. W. Hollingsworth, W. H. Pruitt. R. M. Hamilton, Raymond G. Wickersham, George H. Murray, McKinley Weaver, William S. Thorington, Lawrence W. Kessler, John W. Melton, Leland C. Jorgensen, Walter K. Beaty, E. S. Campbell, Richard B. Hardie, Jr., Don R. Brandon, Richmond McKinney. Elders: L. Young White, John Calvin Sharpe, William H. Etter David M. Imotichey, Byrd Barker, Hugh J. McCorkle, N. C. Kelley, Robert A. Lessenberry, Felix Scott, L. P. Williams, John W. Boozer, W. C. Leonard, Sr., John B. Klugh, E. G. Roberts, Stephen D. Timberlake, W. A. Wallace, Sr., Colon W. McLean, Carl A. Turner, Bert Sullivan.

Church Extension—Rev. C. H. Williams, *Chairman.* Ministers: R. D. Adams, Kirk N. Nesbit, Joe M. Owen, E. N. Clower, Harvard A. Anderson, Edwin S. Coates, James Edward Graham, T. J. James, J. D. Hungarland, John A. Wilson, R. G. Schwanebeck, C. Edward Davis, Samuel J. Allen, Robert H. McCaslin, George L. Riddle, Emmett A. Ehlers, Leslie C. Tucker, J. Witherspoon Dunlap, C. R. Stegall, Wm. Robert Gage. Elders: Bert Edwards, W. D. Carswell, James A. Nixon, R. D. Grier, John G. Boyd, Melvin W. Moore, J. B. Crawford, Ray Parks, Robert F. Head, W. H. Steele, Jr., J. F. Chappell, George D. Hampton, E. A. Millard, Charles C. Lipscomb, C. D. Birdsong, Phil Nathans, Frank S. Thompson, Joe A. Sloan.

Christian Education—Rev. Warner L. Hall, *Chairman.* Ministers: R. J. Hunter, J. D. Arbuckle, W. R. Courtenay, T. A. Freeman, C. K. Douglas, John W. Cowan, Patrick H. Carmichael, David H. W. Burr, O. W. Wardlaw, A. D. Ellison, Jr., George D. Jackson, Bonneau H. Dickson, O. W. Perrell, Robert B. Porter, Robert Bluford, Jr., G. Aiken Taylor, Elijah Wisdom, A. Clarke Dean. Elders: George Cunningham, George J. Dobbins, James A. Anderson, Bolling H. Ellis, Lewis Cunningham, Gordie Young, Paul S. Lewis, D. G. Jones, H. H. Fettes, J. Maxwell Williams, Newman W. Hopkins, Norman Jensen, Clifford W. Coleman, Dudley Watson, Jr., S. C. Stribling, W. A. Smith, A. W. Steller, Thomas Boozer, B. Calvin Bass.

Annuities and Relief—Mr. R. C. Bryan, *Chairman.* Ministers: Samuel R. Vanover, C. H. Rowan, P. D. Miller, Robert L. Jetton, B. F. Sperow, Vernon A. Crawford, L. E. Gilbert, Carl H. Stark, Jr., Owen B. Gumm, B. A. Meeks, Walter L. Baker, Walter A. Bennett, James W. Miller. James J. Alexander, Alex R. Batchelor, Guy B. Duff, J. L. Leos, George Mauze, W. B. McIlwaine, Jr. Elders: Allen Ward, H. L. Gardner, W. Harvey Morrison, Jordan A. Sloan, Carl A. Sealander, W. S. Morrow, Pelham Durant, R. L. Neal, Sr., A. R. Shiflet, Robert M. Wert, Alden C. Mann, Fred Auld, John W. Anthony, Charles Wurster, Sr., Fuller Saulter, H. F. Monroe, S. F. McClure, Jr., Floyd E. McClung.

Women's Work—Rev. Paul T. Jones, *Chairman.* Ministers: Claude H. Rogers, L. R. Scott, Benjamin A. Lynt, Paul D. Wright, Robert A. Potter, E. E. Kirkman, James S. Cantrell, J. J. Wester, R. Waller Blain, Fred S. McCorkle, James R. Phipps, F. Clyde Pratt, J. B. Davidson, W. H. Kryder, J. H. M. Boyce, E. M. Shepard, Sr., Donald G. Miller. Elders: E. O. Graham, R. A. Dobyns, Robert K. Price, Tom Glasgow, Hope E. Morton, Dr. H. A. Juengerman, W. T. Hamilton, Wm. L. Schwanebeck, C. H. Clithero, Grady Spencer, Hunter Keck, C. A. Hutchins, Grainger Lanneau, T. P. Hartness, Joe W. Hamilton, Lee Shaller, E. M. Pimentel.

Interchurch Relations—Mr. Halbert M. Jones, *Chairman.* Ministers: Albert E. Dimmock, I. E. Wallace, John C. Whitley, William T. Wing, Jr., J. Brent Wood, F. R. Young, John A. Ricks, Kenneth G. Phifer, John Reed Miller, J. B. Sloan, Jr., R. D. Littleton, T. T. Williams, Jamie D. Stimson, Robert Moody Holmes, Vernon L. Fisher, C. Charles Benz, Jr., James A. Jones, William R. Sengel. Elders: G. E. McKamey, R. B. Cox, Chalmers W. Alexander, Stephen A. White, Harvey Bushong, V. G. Philips, Donald G. Benn, S. M. Witherspoon, A. V. Pritchartt, Orville K. O'Steen, Howard S. Williams, William H. Smith, Jr., Briggs Lawson, J. Marion Burke, Thomas W. Brooks. S. H. MacPherson, Dr. E. Z. Browne, Harold Walker, S. H. McCall, Jr.

Educational Institutions—Mr. D. T. Moore, *Chairman.* Ministers: Robert H. Bullock, Charles S. Sydnor, Jr., William E. Crane, U. S. Gordon, Richard E. Coulter, David Thompson Agnew, Harold McQ. Shields, John N. Blackburn, William B. Rogers, T. H. Spence, Jr., J. Howard Macrae, George A. Anderson, Robert S. Hough, Thomas H.

Grafton, C. A. Scott, Robert B. Siedentopf, Mack Carmichael MacQueen. Elders: Richard R. Nash, T. C. Gurganus, Aldine Carmichael, Page Tucker, W. Frank Wood, W. Dal Clark, Clarence D. Jones, Eldon D. Wilson, F. A. Peake, R. S. Reynolds, (Knoxville), Fred A. Long, Allen McMullen, W. H. Bruce, W. S. Gardner, W. Maxwell Turner, Ort H. Ertzinger, Gifford W. Shaw, Edward T. Noel, S. G. Stewart.

Minister and His Work—Rev. John R. Richardson, *Chairman.* Ministers: Ronald S. Wilson, Cecil V. Crabb, Watt M. Cooper, Thomas J. White, Conway T. Wharton, Jr., John C. Solomon, D. McD. Monroe, Howard H. Gordon, T. M. Johnston, Murray E. Love, W. Howard Blazer, N. E. Oplinger, James M. McChesney, Jr., T. Ellison Simpson, J. C. Frist, Franklin C. Talmage, Cheves K. Ligon, John W. McQueen. Elders: Sam J. Maynard, W. M. Dickson, Crawford C. Martin, George H. Burch, Donald L. Smith, W. L. Lord, B. Louis Goodyear, W. L. Clyborne, Robert M. Hague, Carter N. Paden, Sr., J. L. Sanders, S. S. Holland, Miles A. Bigger, H. W. Crenshaw, F. C. Byrd, F. B. Patterson, C. B. Winham, Sr.

Christian Relations—Rev. Fred V. Poag, *Chairman.* Ministers: Raymond B. Spivey, Connolly Gamble, Jr., Harmon B. Ramsey, Wm. H. Kadel, Royce K. McDonald. Elders: W. V. Ludlam, Wm. P. Donan, Robert Morrison, Ralph Richards, W. J. O'Callaghan, Jr., Eugene W. Fry.

Following announcements by the Stated Clerk the Assembly adjourned until 2:00 p. m. Friday and was closed with prayer by Dr. J. R. McCain.

SECOND DAY

FRIDAY

2:00 p. m.

The Assembly met in Anderson Auditorium with the Moderator presiding.

This session of the Assembly was opened with a worship service led by Mr. Chalmers W. Alexander, who used as his theme, "God's Purpose for His People: Priesthood."

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

ELECTION OF STATED CLERK

Nominated by Rev. Frank W. Price, who spoke of the twenty-eight years of service rendered in the Office of the General Assembly, Rev. E. C. Scott was re-elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer for a term of three years. The election was by acclamation.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT STATED CLERK

Rev. P. J. Garrison, Jr., was re-elected Assistant Stated Clerk and Assistant Treasurer for a term of three years.

Rev. P. D. Miller, Co-Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Negro Work Campaign. The report was adopted. (See Appendix, page 198.)

The Assembly stood in appreciation of the fine work performed by the Committee on Negro Work Campaign.

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE PUBLICATION OF CHURCH HYMNAL

Rev. Albert J. Kissling, Chairman, presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Cooperative Publication of Church Hymnal. The report was adopted and the committee was continued. (See Appendix, page 145.)

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MONTREAT COLLEGE

Rev. P. D. Miller, Chairman, presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Montreat College. The report was adopted and the committee was discharged. (See Appendix, page 146.)

RESOLUTION

Rev. C. J. Matthews presented a resolution concerning Montreat College. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions.

Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby came to the chair at the request of the Moderator and presided during the remainder of the afternoon session.

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON WORLD MISSIONS

Rev. John A. Redhead, Chairman, presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on World Missions. The report, with its recommendations, was referred to the Board of World Missions for careful study during the coming year and for a report to the next General Assembly. (See Appendix, page 147.)

The Standing Committee on Judicial Business was excused from attending the night session.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented the following communications which were disposed of as indicated:

1. From the First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Georgia, expressing appreciation for the visit of the Moderator during the centennial celebration of the Church. Received as information.

2. A telegram from members of the Second Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, N. C., expressing disapproval of the proposed Union and of non-segregation was received as information.

3. A letter from Rev. Russell M. Kerr, President of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Presbyterian Association, Charlotte, N. C., extending an invitation to the General Assembly for its 1955 meeting to be held in Charlotte, N. C. Rev. Warner L. Hall addressed the Assembly urging the acceptance of the invitation. The Assembly deferred action until the hour docketed for the selection of the time and place for the next meeting of the Assembly.

The Assembly engaged in a worship service which was led by Rev. J. Chester Frist. He used as his theme, "The Prospect of Our Priesthood: The Old Testament Preparation." The Montreat College Choir assisted with the music.

As a part of the Worship Service the Stated Clerk read the Necrological

List. (See p. 160, Part II, Statistics. Also p. 211, Part I, for supplemental list.) Prayer was offered by Rev. Guy B. Duff.

The Assembly recessed until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

The Assembly met at 7:30 o'clock with Rev. David L. Stitt, Acting Moderator, presiding.

After a unison reading of the Scripture Rev. George Mauze offered prayer.

The Montreat College Choir assisted with the music.

Rev. W. A. Benfield, Chairman of the Board of Annuities and Relief, was granted the privilege of the floor. He presented the members of the Staff who were present. These included: Rev. William H. Hopper, Treasurer, Retired, Rev. B. A. McIlhany, Treasurer, Rev. H. Allan Scott, Actuary, Dr. Lila Bonner-Miller, Medical Advisor, Miss Mary Ferree, Secretary to the Executive Secretary.

A telegram from the Staff in Atlanta, congratulating the Executive Secretary, Rev. Wade H. Boggs, upon his election as Moderator, was read.

The members of the Board who were present were introduced. The Chairman addressed the Assembly, giving a brief history of the Annuities and Relief program in the Church during the past fifty years. He presented Mr. Charles J. Currie, Executive Secretary-Elect. Mr. Currie addressed the Assembly briefly concerning present and future objectives of the Board.

Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Executive Secretary, addressed the Assembly concerning the work of the Board in its four fields of service.

The Chairman of the Board expressed to Dr. and Mrs. Boggs the appreciation of the Board and the Church for the splendid services rendered. The following resolution, presented by Rev. William E. Phifer, Jr., was adopted:

RESOLUTION

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of an agency through which the Church could care for her aged ministers and their dependents this General Assembly does offer praise and gratitude to God for his providential blessings, and,

Noting the retirement on September 1, 1954 of the Rev. Wade H. Boggs as Executive Secretary of the Board of Annuities and Relief, this General Assembly does offer praise and gratitude to God for the consecrated and effective service of this servant of the Lord and does ask the acting moderator to lead us in prayer of thanksgiving and rededication.

This part of the session was closed with prayer offered by Rev. David L. Stitt.

Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Women's Work, was introduced by the Moderator. He presided during the presentation of the work of the Board of Women's Work.

Mrs. William H. Hopper, Chairman of the Board, was introduced. She

presented Mrs. A. R. Craig, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. J. Percy Terrell, Secretary, and other members of the Board who were present. Members of the Staff of the Board who were present were also introduced.

Mrs. H. C. Bleckschmidt, Chairman of the Women's Advisory Council, was introduced. She addressed the Assembly concerning the work of the Council.

The special attention of the Assembly was directed to the twenty-five years of service rendered by Dr. Janie W. McGaughey, Executive Secretary of the Board. The Assembly stood and was led in a prayer of thanksgiving and intercession by Dr. J. R. McCain.

The Chairman of the Board addressed the Assembly, outlining the organizational structure of the Board, setting forth some of the accomplishments and objectives.

Miss Evelyn Green, Secretary of the Program Division, presented a visual display, setting forth the work of this division.

Dr. Janie W. McGaughey, Executive Secretary, addressed the Assembly briefly, setting forth the urgency and immediacy of the enlarging opportunities and broadening avenues of service for Christ and His Church through the Women of the Church.

The program was concluded with prayer by Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby.

The Assembly adjourned until 2:00 p. m. Saturday and was closed with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY

SATURDAY

2:00 p. m.

The Assembly met with the Moderator presiding, and was opened with a worship service which was led by Rev. Fred V. Poag. He used as his theme, "The Realization of Our Priesthood: The New Testament Fulfillment."

The Minutes of Friday's sessions were read and approved.

MODERATOR'S ASSISTANTS

The Moderator announced the appointment of his assistants for this meeting of the Assembly. They are as follows: Rev. George D. Jackson, Rev. Ronald Wilson, Mr. Robert F. Head, Mr. Charles Wurster and Mr. Eldon Wilson.

MINISTERS FOR COMMUNION

The Moderator appointed Rev. William M. Elliott, Jr., and Rev. Julian Lake as the ministers for the Assembly Communion Service.

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

The Moderator appointed Rev. William S. Thorington as the Committee on Thanks.

The Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations was excused from attending the afternoon session.

Part of the report of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union, inadvertently omitted from the report of the Committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented the following communications, which were disposed of as indicated:

1. From Mrs. Ruth S. Johnston, asking the Assembly to request President Eisenhower to proclaim a day of fasting and prayer for our nation, and especially for the meeting of the Geneva Conference, was referred to the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations.
2. A telegram from Francis S. Harmon, expressing regret at being unable to be present and represent the National Council of Churches, was received as information.
3. A telegram from Frances Pendleton Gaines, President of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, inviting the 1956 General Assembly to meet with that Foundation, was received as information.
4. From Rev. Robert B. Porter, a commissioner to this Assembly, two communications, proposing amendments to Paragraphs 48, 52, 119, 140 and 153 of the Book of Church Order, were referred to the Permanent Judicial Committee for report in 1955.

SELECTION OF PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Rev. J. H. Marion, Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, Mr. Eldon Wilson and Rev. Marshall C. Dendy addressed the Assembly, extending an invitation to the Assembly for the 1955 meeting to be held in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. W. E. Price, and Rev. Warner L. Hall extended an invitation for the 1955 Assembly to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Stated Clerk read letters from Thomas B. Stanley, Governor of Virginia, Edward E. Haddock, Mayor of the City of Richmond, and referred to numerous other letters, endorsing the invitation from Richmond and urging its acceptance.

The Assembly voted (189 to 187) to accept the Richmond invitation. The acceptance was made unanimous. The invitation was accepted on the basis of cost at Montreat.

Rev. Thomas A. Fry, Jr., addressed the Assembly, indicating that the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tennessee, would invite the Assembly for 1956. He indicated that the Stated Clerk had been so informed as early as 1951. This was received as information.

Rev. John K. Roberts, Chairman, presented the report of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Survey. The report was adopted. (See Appendix, page 141.)

The Assembly took recess until 8:00 p. m. The closing prayer was offered by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION

8:00 p. m.

The Assembly met.

Mr. J. E. Faucette, Chairman of the Standing Committee on General Council, presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. P. D. Miller. The Montreat College Choir assisted with the music.

Rev. Jas. A. Jones, Chairman of the General Council, was introduced. He addressed the Assembly, describing the organization of the Council and setting forth the four major divisions of the work of the Council.

Members of the Council who were present were introduced. Members of the Staff who were present were also introduced. These included Rev. J. G. Patton, Executive Secretary, Rev. Bob S. Hodges, Jr., Associate Secretary, Bluford Hestir, Director of Publicity, Miss Pearl Weathers, Associate Director of Publicity, and Mrs. Dorothy Singletary, Secretary in the Department of Publicity.

Rev. Jas. A. Jones addressed the Assembly concerning the proposed Program for the next three years, outlining the FORWARD WITH CHRIST program. Rev. William E. Phifer, Jr., addressed the Assembly concerning the proposed program from the viewpoint of the pastor. Mrs. A. Walton Litz, a member of the Council and former Chairman of the Board of Women's Work, discussed the proposed program from the viewpoint of the Women of the Church. Mr. John V. Matthews, President of the Assembly's Men's Council, spoke to the proposed program from the viewpoint of the laymen. Mr. Leighton McCutchen, Jr., former Moderator of the Senior High Youth Fellowship, inspired the Assembly as he spoke to the proposed program from the viewpoint of youth.

Rev. J. G. Patton, Executive Secretary of the Council, spoke concerning the means of implementing the program.

This session of the Assembly was closed with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator.

SUNDAY

Although the Assembly was not in session on Sunday, attention is directed to three services which were held.

1. The Morning Worship Service and Assembly Communion Service.

The Moderator presided during the morning worship service. The invocation was voiced by Rev. William M. Elliott, Jr., and the pastoral prayer was led by Rev. Julian Lake.

Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby, Jr., read the Scripture from Luke 24:13-31 and preached the sermon, using as his theme "The Path to Glory."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Assembly engaged in its annual communion service. Rev. William M. Elliott, Jr. and Rev. Julian Lake, assisted by the ruling elders listed below, administered this sacrament. The service was closed with the benediction.

Ruling Elders assisting with the Communion Service: Harold Walker, George Cunningham, Joel E. Johnson, Ort H. Ertzinger, M. E. Malone, E. O. Graham, N. C. Kelley, F. B. Gardner, Lee G. Davy, Paul Lewis, R. C. Bryan, W. A. Smith, Harvey Bushong, M. M. Campbell, Carl Sealander, M. E. Taylor, Fred W. Auld, Robert Price, G. W. Gignilliatt, Jr., J. B. Crawford, W. D. Carswell, Allen Ward, George D. Hampton, Lewis V. Logan, Robert Lessenberry, William P. Donan, Ed Davis, John W. Anthony, Douglas B. Jones, Dr. E. Z. Browne, Charles Wurster, Sr., T. A. Lail, W. Dal Clark, W. V. Ludlam, Mike L. Carr, Jr., W. Frank Wood, Felix Scott, C. H. Clithero, Hope E. Morton, L. John Gable, Grady Spencer, Colon McLean, L. Young White, Halbert M. Jones, J. F. Chappell, James A. Nixon, McAlister Carson, Stephen A. White, W. M. Dickson, O. C. Mahaffey, Eugene Fry, David Imotichey, Frank Thompson, Miles A. Bigger, William G. Boyce, John B. Klugh, Clarence H. Crow, Orville K. O'Steen, Dr. Sam M. Witherspoon, S. C. Stribling, W. W. Harris, Joe W. Hamilton, John R. Wallace, Henry H. Hill, Edward T. Noel, Robert M. Hague, Chester Cole, Lewis Cunningham, H. P. Moore, Fred P. Johnson, E. M. Pimentel, Hon. W. O. Murray, Sr., Dr. S. J. Patterson, Jr., S. F. McClure, Jr., Stephen D. Timberlake, Paul Farmer, Hon. Edward L. Breeden, Edward N. Stirewalt, John Boozer, W. L. Lord, Melvin Shick, A. W. Steller, Judge Nickell Kramer, S. J. Maynard.

2. Commissioners and visitors assembled in Anderson Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. for a service under the leadership of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union.

Rev. Albert J. Kissling, Acting Chairman of this Committee, was introduced by the Moderator. The Scripture was read from Ephesians 4 by Rev. Patrick H. Carmichael. Prayer was offered by Mr. Halbert Jones, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations.

Rev. R. K. Herriot, a visitor from Australia, was introduced.

Rev. William Sutherland, Presbyterian Church of England, Rev. Murray W. Griffith, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod, Rev. Robert H. French, United Presbyterian Church of North America, Rev. Ralph Waldo Lloyd, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, were each introduced in turn. They brought fraternal greetings from their respective communions.

Rev. Ralph Waldo Lloyd, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., read a communication signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. This was referred to the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations.
The service was closed with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator.

3. The commissioners and visitors assembled in Anderson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. with the Moderator presiding.

Rev. C. H. Williams, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Church

Extension, was introduced. He presided during the presentation of the work of this Board.

The invocation was offered by Rev. George Mauze. The Montreat College Choir assisted with the music.

Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Board, presented members of the Board and introduced the members of the Staff who were present.

Rev. Claude H. Pritchard, Secretary of the Division of Home Missions, was introduced. He reviewed the work in this division over the last twelve years and outlined the Capital Gifts Plan as approved by the 1953 General Assembly. He introduced Mr. Hal Hyde, who addressed the Assembly concerning the operation of the Plan in the City. Rev. James M. Carr spoke concerning the operation of the plan in Town and Country, and Rev. Lawrence W. Bottoms spoke concerning the Plan in the Negro churches.

Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., Executive Secretary, spoke concerning the operation of the Plan within the individual presbytery.

The service was closed with prayer by Rev. A. W. Dick.

Rev. David L. Stitt, Chairman of the Standing Committee on World Missions, presided during the presentation of the service centered upon World Missions.

Rev. C. Darby Fulton, Executive Secretary, was introduced. He presented the missionaries and introduced the Board and Staff members who were present.

Rev. S. Hugh Bradley, Field Secretary of the Board, addressed the Assembly, giving a "Report From the Orient."

This part of the service was closed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. C. Darby Fulton.

FOURTH DAY

MORNING SESSION

Monday, May 30, 1954.

The Assembly met at 8:30 a.m. and engaged in a worship service which was led by Rev. Julian Lake. He used as his theme "Our Lord's High Priestly Prayer."

The Minutes of Saturday's sessions and a notation of the Sunday services were read and approved.

A communication was presented from Lillian A. Peterson, New Orleans, La., giving a personal testimony concerning the truth of the Gospel. It was received as information.

The Stated Clerk announced that Mr. John Anderson, Alternate, had

been enrolled in the place of Mr. T. P. Hartness, Presbytery of Enoree.

The Assembly granted permission for the transcription of the remarks of Rev. Donald Miller relative to segregation.

SPECIAL ORDER

Rev. Marshall C. Dendy presented Rev. Lawrence I. Stell, a member of the Board of Christian Education. Dr. Stell addressed the Assembly briefly, speaking words of appreciation for Dr. Edward D. Grant, former Executive Secretary of the Board. In this connection, a plaque duplicating the one in the new book store at Montreat was presented to Dr. Grant. The Assembly was visibly moved as Dr. Grant responded in accepting the citation.

Rev. Fred V. Poag, Chairman, presented the report of the Special Standing Committee on Christian Relations.

[Editorial notes. Sections 2 and 3 of this report were of particular significance. An effort to docket recommendation 2 for the 1955 Assembly failed. A motion to table the same recommendation failed by a vote of 165 to 239. Recommendation 2 was ultimately adopted by a vote of 236 to 169. A motion to hold recommendation 3 in abeyance did not pass. A motion to amend this recommendation by "receiving" the supplementary report instead of "adopting" it prevailed. As noted in the report itself, the recommendation was adopted and the entire report was recommended for careful study throughout the Church. For the first time in the memory of those present, an effort was made to have the vote on the adoption of the full report taken by roll call. This effort was defeated. Stated Clerk.]

The report was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

The Special Standing Committee on Christian Relations received from the General Assembly the following:

(1) Recommendation 24 from the Board of Church Extension.

(2) Report of the Council on Christian Relations as printed in the Blue Book, pp. 124-131.

(3) Supplementary report of the Council on Christian Relations entitled "A Statement to Southern Christians."

(4) The letter of Mrs. D. M. Lucas to the General Assembly.

We have considered the above matters and make the following recommendations:

1. That the General Assembly adopt the recommendation of the Board of Church Extension, as follows:

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

(1) Composition

14 members elected by General Assembly; three on nomination of Board of Church Extension (Division of Christian Relations); three on nomination of Board of Christian Education and one each on nomination of Board of World Missions and Board of Women's Work; and six by Committee on Nominations of General Assembly.

The Secretary of Christian Relations in the Board of Church Extension shall be an *ex officio* member of the Council of Christian Relations.

(2) Function

a. To bring to General Assembly an annual report with recommendations in field of Christian Relations.

To make such studies or reports as may be assigned to it by either the General Assembly or the Board of Church Extension through its Division of Christian Relations.

b. To point out existing evils and unwholesome conditions which endanger the spiritual or moral welfare of individuals or groups or nations.

c. To direct attention to measures or methods proposed for the cure of these evils or the alleviation of these conditions.

(3) Reports

The annual reports of the Council of Christian Relations and its reports on all matters referred to it by the General Assembly shall be made to the General Assembly directly, and referred by the General Assembly to the Standing Committee on Christian Relations.

2. That the General Assembly adopt the report on "The Church and Segregation" including the recommendations. (See Appendix, page 187.)

3. That the General Assembly receive the supplementary report entitled "A Statement to Southern Christians," and adopt the recommendation and the additional recommendation: We recommend this report for careful study throughout the church. (See Appendix, page 194.)

4. That the General Assembly adopt the report on "The Christian Faith and Communism." (See Appendix, page 197.)

5. That the General Assembly answer the letter of Mrs. D. M. Lucas by reference to the reports of the Council on Christian Relations adopted herewith.

6. That the General Assembly extend the privilege of the floor during the discussion of this report to the Chairman of the Council on Christian Relations, Mr. George H. Wright.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. FRED V. POAG, *Chairman*
REV. CONNOLLY GAMBLE, *Secretary*

The following requested that their names be recorded as being opposed to the adoption of the above report, recommendation 4: R. B. Porter, W. Frank Wood, W. H. Bruce, H. J. McCorkle, I. E. Wallace, J. Marion Burke and Samuel J. Allen.

Rev. Frank W. Price, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

We have been given overtures 1-5 and 61-63, together with recommendations of the Permanent Judicial Committee regarding some of these overtures and matters referred to them by the 1953 General Assembly.

We recommend that this be answered in the affirmative with the following revision:

Overture 1 requests the General Assembly to harmonize definitions of "Temporary" and "Occasional Supply" in the amendments to Paragraph 126, Book of Church Order. in Paragraph 126, Sentence 2, substitute "Occasional Supplies" for "Temporary Supplies", thus making the paragraph to conform with the 1953 amendment (General Assembly Minutes 1953, page 64.) The sentence will read: "All of these shall be ordained Ministers, except that Presbytery may approve licentiates, candidates, or laymen as Occasional Supplies."

This amendment is hereby approved and sent to the presbyteries for their advice and consent.

Overture 2 requests the General Assembly to consider apparent contradictions in the Book of Church Order, Paragraphs 154-157, regarding the term of office of Ruling Elders. We recommend that this be answered in the negative, following the recommendation of the Permanent Judicial Committee. We see no contradiction in the present statements in the Book of Church Order, because no change has been made

in the elder's status as an elder, but only in the exercise of his function as an active member of the session of a local congregation. The same thing is true of an elder who removes from one congregation to another. We see no need for any change in the Book of Church Order at this time, though the proposed rewriting of the Book of Church Order might well seek to state this matter more clearly.

Overture 3 requests the General Assembly to revise Paragraph 304 of the Book of Church Order, retiring inactive members after one year, instead of two years of inactivity. We recommend that this be answered in the negative.

Overture 4 requests the General Assembly to take action regarding colonization by large churches. We recommend that this be answered in the negative; but we call attention to the fact that the trend in our larger churches now is toward colonization. The General Assembly should continue to encourage that trend.

Overture 5 requests the General Assembly to change the form of church letters of dismissal. We recommend that this be answered in the negative, but that there be a greater use of accompanying letters, along with letters of dismissal, stating the various church activities of the member dismissed.

Overture 61 asks the General Assembly for clarification regarding the status of Associate Pastor after dissolution of pastoral relation of the Senior Pastor. We recommend approval of the following interpretation by the Permanent Judicial Committee: "We interpret the statement of the Book of Church Order in regard to the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of the Associate Pastor in the event of the dissolution of the relationship of the Senior Pastor, to refer to the dissolution of the Senior Pastor's relationship to the congregation for any cause whatsoever. The dissolution of the Associate Pastor's relationship is automatic and does not require congregational action. It is the responsibility of the presbytery, on its own initiative, to declare the relationship dissolved. In answer to question 'd' we are of the opinion that the purpose of the sentence to which reference is made in the Book of Church Order is violated by the action herein described." However, further service of the former Associate Pastor may be requested by the church, through change of status, in accordance with Paragraph 126 in the Book of Church Order.

Overture 62 requests the General Assembly that presbyteries not be required to receive ministers who are not engaged in presbytery's work (Book of Church Order, Paragraph 71). We recommend that this be referred to the Permanent Judicial Committee for further study in the light of the relationship of retired and inactive ministers to their presbyteries.

Overture 63 requests the General Assembly to appoint an Ad Interim Committee to study the relation of faith to healing. We recommend that this be answered in the affirmative, with the appointment of an Ad Interim Committee on Christianity and Health, composed of pastors, physicians, theologians and men in the fields of physical and mental therapy.

The 1953 General Assembly referred to the Permanent Judicial Committee the definition of the expression "laboring outside the bounds of Presbytery," (General Assembly Minutes 1953, Overture 7, pages 25 and 52). We recommend approval of the following interpretation by the Permanent Judicial Committee: "The 'bounds of the Presbytery' (Paragraphs 70, 71, 76 in the Book of Church Order), according to the standards of our Church, are the geographical bounds described by synod in the action erecting and dividing presbyteries. To be 'laboring outside the bounds of presbytery' in no sense removes the minister from the authority of the presbytery of which he is a member."

The 1953 General Assembly referred to the Permanent Judicial Committee Overtures 14-16 regarding the installation of Ministers to Students (General Assembly Minutes 1953, pages 20, 27, and 63). We recommend that the Assembly approve the following statement by the Permanent Judicial Committee: "No provision is now made in the Book of Church Order for the installation of ministers serving in any other capacity than that of pastors of congregations, and it is not clear what the group would be to whom the student pastor assumes obligation in such a proposed installation."

We recommend that the paragraph above, together with the votes of the presbyteries on proposed amendments to Paragraph 138A of the Book of Church Order (See Minutes,

1953, pp. 62-3) be referred again to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business with the request that they harmonize their interpretation with the approved amendments to the Book of Church Order.

The 1953 General Assembly referred to the Permanent Judicial Committee Overture 18 and proposed amendment to Paragraph 263 (General Assembly Minutes 1953, page 27), regarding the minister with no definite work. We recommend that the report of the Permanent Judicial Committee on this matter be approved, which report is as follows: "It is the opinion of the Judicial Committee that the matters referred to in the proposed amendment to Paragraph 263 more logically belong to paragraph 232. We suggest amending Paragraph 232 as follows: (to be inserted before the first sentence of Paragraph 232) 'Whenever a minister of the Gospel shall habitually fail for a period of two years to be engaged in the regular discharge of his ministerial functions, it shall be the duty of the Commission on the Minister and His Work to report that fact to the Presbytery, and it shall be the duty of the Presbytery. . . .' We further recommend that the last paragraph of Section 232 be amended by inserting as a first sentence 'These provisions shall in no way apply to a minister honorably retired because of age or disability.' We further suggest that a cross reference to Paragraph 232 be added to Paragraph 96, 1. which describes the duties of the Commission on Minister and His Work when it serves as a committee."

The above proposed amendments are approved and sent to the presbyteries for their advice and consent.

Respectfully submited,

FRANK W. PRICE, *Chairman*
MCALISTER CARSON, *Secretary*

Rev. Robert F. Jones took the chair at the request of the Moderator and presided during the presentation of the report of the Standing Committee on Judicial Business. The report was presented by Mr. Mike L. Carr, Jr., Chairman. It was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

The Committee on Judicial Business had referred to it the following matters:

1. Communication from the Moderator and the members of the Judicial Commission of the 1952 Assembly.

2. A communication from the Presbytery of Atlanta.

3. The official minutes of the sixteen synods.

4. The votes of the presbyteries on the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith.

5. Overtures 6-27, 55, 64-67.

6. Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relative to the Permanent Judicial Committee.

7. Report of the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business.

The committee would record the fact that all 37 commissioners assigned to it by the Assembly were present and active in all its deliberations.

1. In regard to the communications from the Moderator and the members of the Judicial Commission of the 1952 Assembly (relative to the action of the 1953 Assembly in ruling that the Synod of Florida had complied with the mandate of the 1952 Assembly in re. the complaint of J. W. Marshall) we recommend that the Assembly affirm the action of the 1953 Assembly, and that this Assembly express the hope that this concludes the matter.

2. The minutes of the constituent synods were examined carefully in light of Paragraph 268 of the Book of Church Order, and we recommend as follows:

(1) The approval of the minutes of the Synod of Alabama, with the following exceptions:

(a) The Synod is not recorded as being opened with prayer.

(b) On page 29 the word "presbytery" is used when the word "synod" should have been used.

(2) The approval without exception of the minutes of the remaining synods.

3. The votes of the presbyteries on proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith are as follows:

Amendment	Approved	Disapproved	Not Voting
Paragraph 70	52	27	5
Paragraph 303	73	6	5
Paragraph 363	71	7	6
Paragraph 109	65	12	7
Paragraph 339	67	12	5
Paragraph 340	67	12	5
Paragraph 341	69	10	5
Paragraph 342	66	13	5
Paragraph 343	69	10	5
Paragraph 344	67	12	5
Paragraph 345	69	10	5
Paragraph 346	69	10	5
Paragraph 118	75	4	5
Paragraph 139	75	4	5
Paragraph 74	75	4	5
Paragraph 376A	52	25	7
Paragraph 376B	50	27	7
Paragraph 376C	40	37	7
Paragraph 376D	42	35	7
Paragraph 154	73	5	6
Confession of Faith, Chapter XXVI	40	36	8

4. We recommend that overture 6 from the Presbytery of Missouri be answered in the negative, and that the Assembly enact the proposed amendment to Paragraph 70, it having received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries, by adding the following clause: "except that a church whose membership exceeds 1,000 shall be represented by an additional ruling elder for each additional 1,000 or major fraction thereof."

5. We recommend that overture 7 from the Presbytery of East Hanover be answered in the affirmative, and that the General Assembly decline to enact the proposed amendment to Paragraph 109, even though it has received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries, and that the Assembly instead approve the proposed amendment, to be known as Paragraph 145A, and that it be sent to the presbyteries for their advice and consent.

Paragraph 145A will read as follows:

"When a candidate or licentiate has been ordained by a presbytery or its commission, the Session of the congregation of which he is a member shall be notified by the stated clerk of the presbytery. Upon receipt of this notice the Session shall drop the now ordained minister from the roll of its members and proper record thereof be made."

6. We recommend that overture 8 from the Presbytery of East Hanover be answered in the negative, and that the Assembly enact the proposed amendment to Paragraph 154, it having received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries, this amendment to be inserted at the end of the present paragraph 154; and will read as follows:

"Any Ruling Elder (or Deacon) who has served faithfully but whose ability to continue to render active service is limited by age, physical disability or other cause, may be elected Ruling Elder (or Deacon) Emeritus by the congregation at a regularly called meeting; provided such Ruling Elder (or Deacon) indicates in advance his recog-

nition of this act as an honor, and his willingness that the congregation proceed to elect him Ruling Elder (or Deacon) Emeritus.

"A Ruling Elder (or Deacon) Emeritus shall bear the same relationship to that congregation as that of a Ruling Elder (or Deacon) who has been retired from active service under the provisions of the limited term of service plan." (See Par. 156.)

7. We recommend that overture 9 from the Presbytery of Mangum be answered in the negative, and that the Assembly decline to enact the amendment to Paragraph 303, even though it has received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries, because it is verbose and unnecessary.

8. In answer to overtures 10-15a and 55b from the Presbyteries of Abingdon, Mid-Texas, Red River, Memphis, East Hanover and Roanoke, we recommend that the General Assembly appoint an Ad-Interim Committee, widely representative in its composition, to study the provisions that ought to be made in our Book of Church Order concerning our total program of Christian Education. This study should include the proposed Chapter VIII of the Directory for Worship and such other related and equally important phases of the Church's program of Christian Education. The committee thus appointed is directed to confer with the Board of Christian Education and bring to the General Assembly of 1955 clear and integrated proposals for the placement of this program of Christian Education in a manner consistent with the total framework of the Book of Church Order.

9. In view of the recommendation above, concerning the appointment of an Ad Interim Committee to study this whole question, we recommend that the Assembly decline to enact the proposed amendments to Chapter VIII, Directory for Worship, being paragraphs 339-346, even though they have received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries. (See Minutes of General Assembly, 1953, pp. 74-76.)

10. In answer to overtures 15b-27, 55a, 64, 65, 66, 67 from the Presbyteries of Roanoke, Mid-Texas, Central Texas, Harmony, Norfolk, East Arkansas, Durant, Wilmington, Asheville, Orange, Dallas and Memphis we recommend that the General Assembly appoint an Ad Interim Committee of not less than nine nor more than twelve members to study the whole question of Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, said committee to be composed of Biblical scholars, representatives from the Division of Christian Relations and the Department of Family Life of the Board of Christian Education, and pastors and elders from the Church at large; this study to consider the entire matter from the point of view of Holy Scripture and the needs of our communicants, this committee to report to the Assembly of 1955.

11. We further recommend that overture 26 from the Presbytery of Dallas and the communication on this subject from the Presbytery of Atlanta be referred to this Ad Interim Committee for answer, and that this Ad Interim Committee be asked to include the problem of common-law marriages in their study.

12. We recommend that the Assembly enact the amendment to Paragraph 363, it having received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries, which will read as follows:

"When persons are received from other churches by letters of dismission, by other satisfactory testimonials, or by statement of their active membership in some other church, or by reaffirmation of faith, their names are to be announced to the congregation, with a recommendation of them to its Christian confidence and affection."

13. We recommend that the Assembly enact the amendment to Paragraph 118, it having received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries, which will read as follows:

"That the most effectual measures may be taken to guard against the admission of unprepared men into the sacred office; if the Presbytery believes that a candidate ought to be licensed to preach, although he does not meet all the educational requirements prescribed, the Presbytery may, with the consent of three-fourths of the members of Presbytery present, confer licensure."

14. We recommend that the Assembly enact the amendment to Paragraph 139, it having received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries, which will read as follows:

"That the most effectual measures may be taken to guard against the admission of unprepared men into the sacred office, if the Presbytery believes that a candidate ought to be ordained to preach, although he does not meet all the educational requirements prescribed, the Presbytery may, with the consent of the three-fourths of the members of Presbytery present, confer ordination."

15. We recommend that the Assembly enact the amendment to Paragraph 74, it having received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries, which will read as follows:

"That the most effectual measures may be taken to guard against the admission of unprepared men into the sacred office, if the Presbytery believes that a minister ought to be received, although he does not meet all of the educational requirements prescribed, the Presbytery may, with the consent of three-fourths of the members of the Presbytery present, receive the minister."

16. Concerning the proposed addition of Paragraphs 376A, 376B, 376C, 376D of the Book of Church Order and the proposed Revision of Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith, we recommend that the Assembly decline to enact Paragraphs 376A and 376B, even though they received the approval of the requisite number of presbyteries. 376C, 376D and the proposed revision of the Confession of Faith cannot be enacted because they failed to receive the necessary approval of the presbyteries.

17. We recommend the election of the nominees of the Permanent Nominating Committee to the Permanent Judicial Committee of the General Assembly, as follows:

Class of 1957: James A. Millard, Jr., Ray D. Fortna, Judge D. H. Edington.

18. We recommend that the report of the Permanent Judicial Committee be received as information.

19. We recommend that the General Assembly instruct its presbyteries to restrict the subject matter of each overture to a single subject.

Respectfully submitted,

MIKE L. CARR, JR., *Chairman*
R. W. JABLONOWSKI, JR., *Secretary*

Rev. William E. Phifer, Jr., Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Office of the General Assembly. The report was adopted as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Your standing committee had the following items referred to it:

(a) Overture 28 from the Presbytery of Augusta-Macon concerning listing churches alphabetically in the minutes of the General Assembly.

(b) Overture 29 from the Presbytery of Charleston concerning including telephone numbers of ministers and lay-members serving on the committees of the General Assembly, in the minutes of the General Assembly.

(c) Overture 30 from the Presbytery of Mangum concerning the change of the time of meeting of the General Assembly.

(d) Overture 72 from the Presbytery of Pee Dee concerning deleting titles and degrees in the alphabetical listing of ministers and licentiates.

(e) Overture 73 from the Presbytery of Western Texas asking the Assembly to meet on or before the first Thursday in May, annually.

(f) The report of the Trustees of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Foundation.

(g) The report of the Executive Committee on the Historical Foundation.

(h) The report of the Permanent Committee on the office of the General Assembly.

(i) The minute book of the Permanent Committee on the office of the General Assembly.

(j) The report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to the office of the General Assembly.

(k) Audits as follows:

(1) Trustees of the General Assembly.
(2) Treasurer of the General Assembly.
(3) Treasurer of the General Fund.
(4) Treasurer of the Manley Estate.
(5) Treasurer of the Board of World Missions.
(6) Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension.
(7) Treasurer of the Board of Christian Education.
(8) Treasurer of the Board of Annuities and Relief.
(9) Treasurer of the Board of Women's Work.
(10) Treasurer of the General Council.
(11) Treasurer of the Assembly's Training School.
(12) Treasurer of the Mountain Retreat Association.
(13) Treasurer of the Historical Foundation.
(14) Treasurer of Stillman College.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. That overture 28 concerning alphabetical listing of churches be answered in the negative.

II. That overture 29 concerning telephone numbers of ministers and committee members be answered in the negative.

III. That overtures 30 and 73 concerning change in date of meeting be referred to the Permanent Committee on the office of the General Assembly for further study and report at the next General Assembly.

IV. That overture 72 concerning titles and degrees of ministers be answered in the negative.

V. That the report of the Trustees of the Historical Foundation be approved and its recommendations be adopted as follows: (See page 137.)

1. That every commissioner to the 1954 General Assembly make a careful inspection of the Historical Foundation building.
2. That the Assembly confirm the election of Rev. Thomas H. Spence, Jr., as Director of the Foundation for a term of three years.
3. That the thanks of the General Assembly be extended to all those who have made contributions, either of funds or materials, to the Foundation during the past nine months.

VI. That the report of the Permanent Committee on the office of the General Assembly be approved and its recommendations adopted as follows: (See page 101.)

1. That the audit of the books and records of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer be approved.
2. That the budget of the General Assembly in the amount of $108,000 and the General Fund in the amount of $5,000 be approved.
3. That the expenses of two representatives from the Office of General Assembly to the World Council of Churches be paid by the General Assembly.
4. That the $17,000 provided in the budget for the Committee on the Minister and His Work be made as an appropriation to be paid to the Committee in monthly, quarterly or semi-annual payments at the convenience and discretion of the two agencies involved.
5. That the per capita tax for 1955 remain at 13 cents.
6. That the policy of the General Assembly in paying the expenses of the representatives to the World Presbyterian Alliance in Princeton be followed this year.
7. That the General Council be requested to give the General Fund Agencies a place on the Church Calendar for presentation of the General Fund Agencies.

VII. That the minute book of the Permanent Committee of the Office of the General Assembly be approved.

VIII. That the treasurers' reports listed above, all of which have been audited by certified public accountants, be approved.

IX. That the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Foundation be approved. In this connection attention is called to the action of this General Assembly in the report of Standing Committee on General Council (page 95.)

X. That the assets of the Manley Estate be transferred to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., and that restriction be made as ordered by the General Assembly that proceeds from said fund be paid to the office of General Assembly.

XI. That the nominees suggested by the Permanent Nominating Committee be elected as follows:

(1) Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly:

Whose Terms Expire in 1957

Rev. H. H. Gordon
Rev. Archie Smith
Rev. R. A. Bolling
Mr. F. S. Hay
Mr. John L. Morrison
Mr. W. L. Pressly

(2) Trustees of the General Assembly:

Whose Terms Expire in 1957

John S. Cansler
Rev. J. Chester Frist
L. L. Rose

F. L. Jackson to succeed Rev. J. Layton Mauze, Jr., in the class of 1956.

(3) The Historical Foundation:

Whose Terms Expire in 1957

Dr. Wayne Wiman
Dr. R. C. Grier
Mrs. Frank Barker

XII. That the Rev. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk, and his associates, be commended for their loyal and efficient service to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. PHIFER, JR., *Chairman*
EARL F. THOMPSON, *Secretary*

Mr. Bluford Hestir, Director of Publicity, General Council, presented representatives of the press. The following were introduced: Dr. William T. McElroy, *Christian Observer;* Mr. William Thompson, *Presbyterian Survey;* Dr. Henry Dendy, *Presbyterian Journal;* Dr. Aubrey Brown, *Presbyterian Outlook;* Dr. Harold Fey, *Christian Century;* Dr. John R. Richardson, *Presbyterian Journal;* Dr. W. G. Foster, *Chattanooga Free Press;* Miss Mabel Gouldy, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram;* Mr. Glenn McCullough, *Associated Press;* Mr. Doug Reed, *Asheville Citizen;* Mr. George Dugan, *New York Times;* Mr. Bob Bell, *Nashville Banner;* Mr. Caspar Nannes, *Washington Star;* Miss Pat Fields, *Knoxville Journal;* Mr. Boyd McDonald, *Time* Magazine.

Rev. John R. Richardson, Chairman, presented the report of the Stand-

ing Committee on the Minister and His Work. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Standing Committee on the Minister and His Work has had placed in its hands overture 54 from the Presbytery of Bethel, the report and the minutes of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work.

The General Assembly is reminded that the place of the Commission on the Minister and His Work in the Presbytery, the Committees on the Minister and His Work in the Synod and in the Assembly is clearly set forth in the Book of Church Order. Their functions are defined and definite limits of activity are set forth.

The enlarging church of our day, the stresses growing out of numerous vacancies, the tendency to shorter pastorates, the arising of a large number of candidates and ministers trained in institutions not accepting our standards, have all pointed out the importance of vigorous Commissions and Committees on the Minister and His Work in the presbyteries, synods and the General Assembly.

The diligent use by local Commissions of the method and service which have been approved by the Assembly can contribute much to the well-being and happiness of churches and ministers, and should not be overlooked.

On the other hand Commissions should be careful lest they assume authority which is not theirs. Except in cases of judicial responsibility, their functions are advisory only. Therefore a wise and discreet Commission will always use great patience and much kindness within the definitions of the Book of Church Order.

The Standing Committee brings to the attention of the Assembly the great mass of information pertaining to ministers and churches being gathered for the use of Commissions. It mentions the availability of Data Forms for ministers, Church Survey blanks, Manuals for Commissions of Presbyteries, Manuals for Nominating Committees of Pastorless Churches, and Forms of Calls. It also commends the Assembly's Secretary, Mr. R. Graham White, and the Committee for a work faithfully done.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That overture 54 from the Presbytery of Bethel be answered in the negative.

2. That the Committee, having reviewed the minutes of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work, finds its business fully recorded and neatly and carefully written.

3. That information be given to the Church that Rev. Charles Haddon Nabers has been re-elected Chairman of the Committee, Rev. A. Thomas Dyal, Vice Chairman, and that the Assembly approve the re-election of Mr. R. Graham White as Secretary for a period of three years.

4. That the annual report of the Permanent Committee, with its recommendations, be adopted. (Appendix, pp. 176-181.)

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. RICHARDSON, *Chairman*
FRANKLIN C. TALMAGE, *Secretary*

The Assembly recessed until 2:00 p.m. and was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.

The Assembly met and engaged in a worship service led by Rev. William

H. Kadel. He used as his theme: "The Practice of Our Priesthood: The Living Sacrifice."

Mr. Halbert M. Jones, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations. [The majority report of this committee recommended disapproval of the proposed Plan of Union and dismissal of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union. A minority report, recommending approval of the proposed Plan of Union and sending it down to the presbyteries for advice and consent was offered as a substitute. During the discussion the Assembly paused for silent prayer. An effort to vote on the categorical question by secret ballot was defeated. An effort to have the vote taken by roll-call was also defeated. The Assembly approved the Plan of Union and sent it down to the presbyteries for advice and consent by a vote of 283 to 169. Stated Clerk.]

The Assembly adjourned at 6:50 to reconvene at 8:30. The session was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION

8:30 p.m.

The Assembly met with the Moderator presiding.

Colonel D. T. Moore, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions, was introduced. He presided during the presentation of the program in behalf of the Assembly's Educational Institutions. The invocation was offered by the Chairman after which the Assembly engaged in reading responsively the first Psalm. The Montreat College Choir assisted with the music.

Rev. Charles E. S. Kraemer, President-elect of the General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers, was introduced by the Moderator. Members of the Board who were present, graduates of the School, and members of the faculty were introduced.

President Kraemer addressed the Assembly concerning the origin and work of the Training School. Four recent graduates addressed the Assembly briefly, illustrating several fields of service: Executive Secretary of a local church, Director of Christian Education, Foreign Mission service.

President Sam Burney Hay, of Stillman College, was introduced. He addressed the Assembly concerning Stillman College. Mr. Robert Peters, a trustee of the college, addressed the Assembly concerning the Negro Work Campaign and Stillman College.

President J. Rupert McGregor, Montreat College, introduced the Dean and Professor of Bible, who spoke briefly and introduced two students of the College who also addressed the Assembly.

President J. Rupert McGregor addressed the Assembly concerning the work of the Mountain Retreat Association apart from Montreat College.

This session of the Assembly was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FIFTH DAY

TUESDAY

8:30 a.m.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer led by Rev. Robert H. McCaslin. Rev. W. A. Alexander, former moderator, and Rev. David H. W. Burr, a commissioner to this Assembly, both of whom are ill, were remembered in special prayer.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations, with Mr. Halbert M. Jones, Chairman, presenting the report.

The report was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

I.

The following communications were placed in the hands of the Committee:

From the Session of Shenandoah Church, Miami, Florida
From the Session of Covenant Church, Columbia, South Carolina
From the Congregation of Arsenal Hill Church, Columbia, South Carolina
From the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the Bible Presbyterian Church
From Dr. S. McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
From L. A. Gottwald, the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
From the Faculty of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
From Mrs. Ruth S. Johnston of Taft, Tennessee
From the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

The following overtures were placed in our hands: 40-51, and 69-71.

Other materials placed in our hands:

The Report of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union, The Minority Report by Judge T. H. Stukes, a member of the same committee, a letter from Dr. Frank H. Caldwell, Secretary of the Permanent Committee, of an action taken by the Permanent Committee but omitted from its report.

The communications from the Session of Shenandoah Church, Miami, Fla., from the Session of Covenant Church, Columbia, S. C., from the Congregation of Arsenal Hill Church, Columbia, S. C., from Dr. S. McCrea Cavert, from the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the Bible Presbyterian Church, from Mrs. Ruth S. Johnston were read and received as information.

The other materials will be dealt with in the balance of the report.

Speakers for the Sunday afternoon program of the Permanent Committee were the following fraternal delegates:

President Ralph W. Lloyd, Moderator, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
Dr. Robert H. French, United Presbyterian Church of North America.
Rev. William Sutherland, Presbyterian Church of England.
Rev. Murray W. Griffith, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod.

The following Nominations were made:

To the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union, Class of 1956
Rev. R. D. Adams, Arkansas

Rev. F. H. Caldwell, Kentucky
Rev. W. E. Phifer, Jr., Missouri
Judge Taylor H. Stukes, South Carolina
Rev. J. J. Murray, Virginia

Representatives to World Council of Churches
Class of 1957

Principals	*Alternates*
Rev. W. C. Robinson	Rev. Joe Overmyer
Col. Francis P. Miller	Henry H. Bryant

Class of 1956

Rev. Harry A. Fifield	Rev. W. E. Phifer, Jr.
to unexpired term of Dr. T. K. Young, deceased	replacing Rev. H. A. Fifield

Representatives to the Lord's Day Alliance

Rev. C. Grier Davis
Rev. A. R. Bird, Sr.

Representatives to the General Assembly of the
National Council of Churches

Principals	*Alternates*
Rev. C. Darby Fulton	Rev. D. J. Cumming
Rev. Marion A. Boggs	Rev. Wm. M. Elliott, Jr.

Representatives to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches Throughout
The World Holding the Presbyterian System

Rev. Paul B. Freeland, *Alternate at Large*

II. Recommendations to the Assembly On the Plan of Union

WHEREAS, 15 years of conference and negotiations have resulted in a Plan of Union agreed to by representatives of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, United Presbyterian Church of North American and the Presbyterian Church in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Plan itself is based upon vision of a great national Presbyterian Church, which we believe will deepen the devotion, increase the efficiency, and strengthen the witness of our people; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is based upon the historic beliefs and practices of the Presbyterian Church and contains the fundamental doctrines and basic polity of our Church; and

WHEREAS, the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. have already voted to send the Plan down to their presbyteries for a "grass root" vote, we believe that it would show only good faith on the part of our Church which originally initiated the conferences and negotiations;

THEREFORE, we recommend the adoption of the following recommendations: (as presented by the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union)

1. That the 1954 General Assembly receive and approve the Plan and recommend it to the presbyteries for their advice and consent, in accordance with the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Par. 168.
2. That the 1954 General Assembly give an affirmative answer to the following

Categorical Question (Plan of Union, page 14):

Shall The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, The Presbyterian Church in the United States, and The United Presbyterian Church of North America, be united to form The Presbyterian Church of the United States

(a) On the doctrinal basis of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the supreme standard, acknowledged as the inspired Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and upon the subordinate standards now held by the three negotiating Churches, viz., the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, together with amendments thereto herewith submitted, all of which amendments have been hitherto adopted by one or more of the negotiating Churches;

(b) On the governmental basis of the Book of Church Order which consists of the Directory for Worship, the Form of Government, and the Book of Discipline, herewith submitted;

(c) On the basis of the Constitution of the united Church which consists of the subordinate standards named in (a) and of the Book of Church Order named in (b) above; and

(d) On the basis of the Concurrent Declarations numbered 1-15 inclusive and the Supplemental Covenant and Agreement?

3. That the 1954 General Assembly *recommend* to each presbytery:

(1) That upon receipt of the Plan of Union from the General Assembly for its "advice and consent," each presbytery refer the Plan to a standing or special committee for study and report.

(2) That the committee, after carefully considering the Plan of Union and noting its revisions, and after earnestly and prayerfully seeking to discover God's will for the Church, report to a stated meeting of presbytery prior to the taking of a vote, not before January 1, 1955.

4. That each presbytery be instructed that its vote is to be "yes" or "no" on the Categorical Question precisely as it is worded on page 14 of the Plan of Union, as Revised, Nov., 1953.

5. That inasmuch as there is agreement by all our Churches on the value of Christian cooperation, the 1954 General Assembly

(1) Encourages the boards and agencies working in the same field to continue their cooperation; and

(2) Requests the preparation of tentative interim plans for carrying on work before the Plan of Union goes into effect, these interim plans to be presented to the 1955 General Assemblies, if and when the presbyteries shall have approved the Plan of Union; and

(3) Encourages presbyteries to invite representatives of the other Churches to be present with them, and share fully in their discussions concerning union.

III. Overtures and Communications

We recommend that:

Overture 40, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, relative to a change in the proposed Plan of Union be answered in the negative, but that the Presbytery of North Alabama be assured that provision for regional synods has already been made in the existing Plan under consideration.

Overture 41, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, relative to changes in the 1952 Plan of Union be answered in the negative.

Overture 42, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, relative to the postponement of action on the Plan of Union be answered in the negative.

The following overtures relating to organic union be answered by the General Assembly by reference to its action on the Categorical Question:

Overture 43, from the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa
Overture 44, from the Presbytery of Congaree
Overture 45, from the Presbytery of Harmony
Overture 46, from the Presbytery of Piedmont
Overture 47, from the Presbytery of Pee Dee
Overture 48, from the Presbytery of Enoree
Overture 69, from the Presbytery of Knoxville
Overture 70, from the Presbytery of East Alabama

Overture 49, from the Presbytery of Lafayette be answered in the negative, for the reason that instruction of representatives to church courts is not in accord with the Book of Church Order, and the right to inform representatives of the views of the congregation already exists.

Overture 50, from the Presbytery of Congaree relative to an amendment to the Book of Church Order, be referred to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business.

Overture 51, from Concord Presbytery relative to a pamphlet on the issues of Union, be answered in the affirmative.

Overture 71, from Winston-Salem Presbytery relative to absentee voting, be answered in the negative.

The communication from the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. be answered by the Moderator.

IV. Recommendation on Reformation Day

We recommend that:

Reformation Day be fixed for October 31, 1954; that the theme be "Protestantism and Religious Tolerance"; and that attention be called to the excellence of the current film, "Martin Luther."

V. Report of the American Bible Society

Dr. I. Stuart McElroy reported on the program of the American Bible Society, including information on Scriptures being printed for distribution among Russians, Chinese and natives of Thailand. He stated that in twenty-seven countries today there is united action in cooperation with other Bible Societies. Attention was called to the World Good Will Book, a plan sponsored by the American Bible Society, wherein individual churches and organizations might participate in the production of the Bible as a testimony to our love for the sacred Scriptures, our faith in its teachings, and our desire to share it with others.

We recommend that:

1. The General Assembly commend the American Bible Society for the growing interest in Worldwide Bible Reading—Thanksgiving to Christmas, and urge all of our churches to the fullest community-wide participation.

2. The General Assembly commend the American Bible Society for the production of the hour and a half length film "Our Bible—How It Came to Us."

3. The General Assembly lay upon the hearts of our people the increased world responsibility for the Scriptures which now rests upon American Christians and our American Bible Society, as shown by the total distribution by the Society of over fifteen million volumes of Scripture during 1953.

VI. The Report on the National Council of Churches

The Report on the National Council of Churches of Christ, together with the Report of the Representatives of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. on the General Board of

the National Council of Churches was read and received as information. (See Appendix, page 173.)

In connection with this report, a communication from the Faculty of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary was read, relative to the granting of visas to official delegates and accredited visitors to the World Council of Churches, meeting in Evanston, Ill., in August, 1954.

We recommend that:

The General Assembly request the National Council of Churches of Christ to use every means at its disposal to see that official delegates and accredited visitors to the World Council of Churches meeting in Evanston, Ill., in August 1954, be admitted into the United States.

VII. Report on Western Section, World Presbyterian Alliance

We recommend that:

The brief report be received as information. (See Appendix, page 175.)

VIII. Report on the World Council of Churches

WHEREAS, our Church is a member denomination of the World Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, the World Council is holding its meetings in Evanston, Ill., in August, 1954, at which leading Christians from all over the world will be present; and

WHEREAS, our Church is sending five delegates and other accredited visitors to the Evanston meeting, we recommend:

1. That the General Council of our Assembly be requested to disseminate to the local congregations information concerning the Hymn, Scripture and Prayer of the Opening of the Assembly of the World Council.

2. That the Board of Christian Education be requested to give each person on its mailing lists an opportunity to place an advance order for the paper bound volume of World Council materials, requiring a suitable deposit; that this be done by direct mail in June or as soon thereafter as is possible.

3. That the church papers be requested to carry announcement concerning the availability of this volume and information concerning advance orders.

4. That the Boards and agencies of our General Assembly be requested to use suitable World Council materials in programs, bibliographies, resource materials, special study suggestions, etc.

5. That the General Assembly commend the World Council materials to the members of our Church for study and discussion.

IX. On the Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary in 1956 of the First Presbytery in America

A communication from Dr. F. H. Caldwell relative to the celebration in 1956 of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the first Presbytery in America was read.

We recommend that:

1. The General Assembly accept the invitation of the 165th General Assembly, U.S.A., to cooperate in the celebration in 1956 of the 250th anniversary of the first Presbytery in America.

2. The General Assembly authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of three (including the Director of the Historical Foundation) to represent it in planning the celebration.

X.

That the Stated Clerk be authorized to release the votes of the presbyteries on the categorical question relative to Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Halbert M. Jones, *Chairman*
Albert E. Dimmock, *Secretary*

Mr. W. Frank Wood requested that his negative vote on the above report be recorded.

The Assembly heard Rev. Michael Presbyter Testa, who was introduced by Rev. Jas. A. Jones. Mr. Testa was received as a fraternal delegate from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal. Rev. Jas. A. Jones led the Assembly in special prayer for the Church in Portugal.

The Stated Clerk introduced the staff of the mimeograph room. These included Miss Princie Maphet, Registrar and head of the Business Department, Montreat College, who was in charge, and Misses Shirley Caudill, Louise Bennett and Helen Daniels, Montreat College students who assisted with the typing and mimeographing during the meeting of the Assembly.

Rev. George Mauze came to the chair at the request of the Moderator and presided during the presentation of the report of the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions. The report was presented by Col. D. T. Moore, Chairman. The report was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The General Assembly's Standing Committee on Educational Institutions has considered the overtures and reports referred to it by the General Assembly. Also the reports on Stillman College, Mountain Retreat Association, and the General Assembly's Training School as printed in the Blue Book.

We have also received the reports from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Columbia Seminary, Louisville and Union Theological Seminaries.

The reports from the Permanent Nominating Committee have been considered and action taken as below indicated.

A resolution offered to the Assembly by Commissioner C. J. Matthews was referred to this committee by the General Assembly. This was carefully considered and the action taken as given in this report.

This covered all matters coming from the Assembly for the attention of this committee.

The report is as follows:

1. In answer to overture 52 from the Presbytery of Missouri asking the Assembly to instruct the Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association to re-define the existing policy so as to encourage the residents and employees, as well as visitors, at Montreat to participate freely and fully in the life of the Church at Montreat, without restriction or distinction on the grounds of race, economics or any other superficial factor, that the command of Christ and the goal of the Church for Christian brotherhood may be more nearly and more quickly met we recommend that this be answered by requesting the Assembly to take such action on this overture as shall be in conformity with its action regarding the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Relations.

2. In answer to overture 53, from the Presbytery of Athens, petitioning the General Assembly to include in the summer conferences in Montreat, in the same manner in which there are conducted Bible and Mission Conferences, a Prayer Conference, given wholly to the study of the nature and history of prayer, we recommend this to the Assembly sympathetically and suggest that it be referred to the Program Committee of the Mountain Retreat Association for their consideration.

3. *Stillman College*

President Sam Burney Hay listed achievements at Stillman during the past year and pointed out needs still existing. Foremost among the achievements was the winning of accreditation by Stillman. From the Negro Work Campaign came $135,000 addition to the permanent endowment and funds for three new buildings now under way, plus

a fourth to be started soon. Stillman's outreach is now fully Assembly-wide, with students coming from all but two of our synods.

Among needs remaining are scholarship funds for students, plus funds for current operating expenses. (Much of the usual giving for operational support was diverted last year into the campaign for capital funds.) A new charter is also needed, because Stillman is now an Assembly institution and there is some question whether the existing charter makes quite clear the direct ownership and control of the Assembly.

We recommend:

(1) That the Assembly express its appreciation to all of those who had a part in making the Presbyterian Campaign for Negro Work a success.

(2) We recommend that the report on Stillman College be adopted, except that in the proposed charter in next to the last line of this charter the words "each of" be stricken out. (See Appendix, pp. 118-125.)

(3) That church groups be reminded of the opportunity that Stillman affords to provide training for Christian leadership and that they be encouraged to recruit the most promising youths of their communities for Stillman.

(4) That the Assembly commend Dr. Robert E. Fulton for the many years of service rendered the college as trustee and chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Nominees for the Board of Trustees of Stillman College to the Class of 1957:

R. A. Farnsworth, Houston, Texas
Kenneth Forbes, Birmingham, Alabama
Peyton Rhodes Memphis, Tennessee
Rev. F. B. Gear, Decatur, Georgia
Carl M. Hill, Nashville, Tennessee
W. L. Dansby, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Mrs. W. P. Jacobs, Sr., Clinton, S. C.

In the Class of 1955:

Mrs. Albert King, Bristol, Tennessee, to replace
R. S. Reynolds, who would not serve.

4. *The Mountain Retreat Association*

The committee endorses and commends the Mountain Retreat Association for the operation of Montreat. After considering their report to the General Assembly, the committee recommends the approval of the recommendations in the report of the Mountain Retreat Association. (See Appendix, page 130.)

5. *The General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers*

The committee on Educational Institutions has examined and approved the report of the General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The committee notes with approval the completion of the new Administration Building, the erection of a professor's residence, and the improvement of the other properties.

During the current year the Training School for Lay Workers reported an enrollment of 100 students of whom five have been men. The graduating class of 1954 is composed of 37 members.

The committee notes with approval that the school has met its current obligations without deficit and during the year has increased its total assets in the amount of $115,357.73. The Women of the Church are to be commended for the addition of two scholarships during the year.

The committee commends the current policy of the Board of Trustees which looks toward the eventual elimination of the undergraduate program and the projection of a strictly graduate program of studies.

We recommend the following:

(1) That the General Assembly adopt the following resolution:
During ten years of Henry Wade DuBose's administration as President of the General

Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers the school has enjoyed remarkable progress in many respects including:

(a) Accreditation on the undergraduate level

(b) Significant broadening of curriculum

(c) Increase in the number of students

(d) Increase in the capital assets from $826,617 in 1944 to more than $2,000,000 at the present time; increase in endowments which have multiplied four-fold during his administration, and the erection of new facilities to serve the institution's needs.

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Assembly express its appreciation to Dr. DuBose for his years of devoted service and give thanks to God for his capable leadership.

(2) That the Assembly approve the election of Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer as President of the Assembly's Training School for the term of three years and that the Assembly commend the Board of Trustees upon its excellent choice.

(3) That the Assembly approve the re-election of Dr. James R. Sydnor as Professor of Church Music for a term of three years.

(4) That the Assembly approve the re-election of Dr. Wade H. Boggs, Jr., as Professor of Bible and Christian Doctrine for a term of three years.

(5) That the Assembly approve the re-election of Miss Sara Little as Director of Field Work and Assistant Professor of Religious Education for a term of three years.

(6) That the Assembly urge pastors and sessions to observe Training School Day on April 17, 1955 so as to acquaint their congregations with the service the School is rendering, the opportunities it offers young Christians, and its needs.

(7) That the Assembly urge each synod, presbytery and local church to see that the General Assembly's Training School receives, through the General Fund, its full share of the Assembly's Benevolence Budget.

(8) That the Assembly request pastors and other church leaders to direct to the Training School men and women of superior gifts and consecration, those of maturity and experience as well as young people of college age, that they may be prepared to meet the Church's urgent need for more trained workers.

(9) That the Assembly instruct the trustees, as authorized by previous Assemblies, to continue their efforts to raise funds for permanent improvements and endowment.

(10) That the Assembly instruct the Board of Trustees of the Assembly's Training School to study its current policy of electing faculty members on a three-year basis, comparing their practice with that of comparable institutions, in order to determine whether this is the wisest policy.

Nominees for Trustees of General Assembly's Training School to the Class of 1957:

Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, Beckley, West Virginia
Rev. T. P. Johnston, Dunedin, Florida
Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, Richmond, Virginia
Mr. George H. Flowers, Jr., 2904 W. Moore St., Richmond, Virginia
Mrs. D. W. Richardson, Richmond, Virginia
Rev. Wm. E. Crane, Charleston, West Virginia
Mr. Wm. R. Gardner, Richmond, Virginia

6. *Theological Seminaries*

The annual reports of the theological seminaries were reviewed and approved by the committee. The reports disclose that good progress is being made materially and spiritually by each of the seminaries. We note that each institution is in sound financial condition. (See Appendix, pages 181-187.)

We wish to commend the Trustees and administrations of each seminary for the progressive and forward looking program.

The General Assembly is asked to continue to stress the need for those who will dedicate their lives to the ministry of our Church.

7. *Montreat College*

Your committee considered the following resolution:

Believing that our Church approves of the conducting of an accredited educational institution at Montreat to make full use of the fine properties there for twelve months of each year, and

Believing that Montreat College has rendered "a great service to the Church in affording a Christian education to hundreds of young people who probably could not otherwise have secured it" (quotation from report of Ad Interim Committee of 1948, signed by R. A. Lapsley, Jr., A. L. Currie, Jr., J. R. McCain, and N. Y. Parr) and,

Believing that the General Assembly can trust its elected trustees of the Mountain Retreat Association and the trustees of the Montreat College to perform faithfully the duty for which they are elected, the developing of institutions at Montreat to serve the Church in the best way—

We recommend that the General Assembly instruct the trustees of the Mountain Retreat Association and the trustees of Montreat College to continue to give themselves faithfully and zealously to develop an accredited educational institution that meets a real and particular need of the total educational program of the Church. (Submitted by Rev. C. J. Matthews.)

Your committee believes that serious study should be given as follows:

(a) The best use to which Montreat facilities can be put in the whole work of the Church.

(b) If it seems best that a school should be operated, then of what type and grade?

(c) If it be found wise to operate some type of college, then, in line with the decision of the 1953 General Assembly, let particular attention be given to the possibility of integrating Montreat College into our Church's plan of Synodical support and control.

Therefore, we recommend:

(1) That an ad interim committee of 7 persons be selected by the Moderator to study the question.

(2) That this committee represent at least 4 synods, and that they be persons who have no connection either with Montreat or the undergraduate colleges of our denomination.

(3) That this committee be empowered to secure funds not to exceed $5,000, and to employ competent professional counsel to survey the situation and to make recommendations.

(4) That this committee report to the 1955 General Assembly.

(5) That the sum of $50,000 be placed in the budget for Montreat College for 1955.

It is the sense of this Assembly that in the grant of money to Montreat College under this recommendation, it is to be clearly understood that it is allowed only for this year and only because a survey is pending. It is not to be interpreted as a precedent for Assembly support or a confirmation of the Assembly control which was seemingly claimed for the College in the program last night.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. MOORE, *Chairman*

The Assembly recessed until 2:00 p.m. and was closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. Marion.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev. Fred S. McCorkle.

The Stated Clerk announced that telegrams from the Bible Class of the Greene Street Church, Augusta, Georgia, and Truman S. Vance, Staunton, Virginia, disagreeing with the stand taken by the Assembly on segregation, had been received.

Rev. Ashby Johnson came to the chair at the request of the Moderator and presided during the presentation of the report of the Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief. The report, presented by Rev. Walter A. Bennett, Secretary, was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief presents the following report and recommendations for appropriate action by the Assembly. The following items were referred to this Committee:

1. The Minutes of the Board of Annuities and Relief which were examined and found to be in order. The Minutes contained a certificate of audit by a Certified Public Accountant.

2. The Annual Report of the Board of Annuities and Relief.

3. The Report of the Permanent Committee on Nominations relating to the Board of Annuities and Relief.

4. Overtures 39, 57, 58 and 59.

We recommend:

1. That the Assembly remind the presbyteries of the fact that the Ministers' Annuity Fund is the official plan of the Church, and that all ministers in active service in all presbyteries should have membership in the Fund so that when they come to retirement from active service they will have provision made for their sustenance in retirement.

2. That the Assembly urge all presbyteries to insist that all active ministers, whether newly ordained or received by letter of transfer from other denominations, shall have membership in the Fund immediately after ordination or reception into the presbytery.

3. That the Assembly remind all churches and agencies thereof that they should share in the cost of membership in the Fund in accordance with the official plan.

4. That the Assembly again urge all churches and committees, regardless of who owns the manse, to add 15% for the free use of the manse, if any, in order that ministers may build larger earned annuities thereby.

5. That the Assembly remind all churches and Church agencies that benefits of the Employees' Annuity Fund should be made available to all nonministerial employees.

6. That the Assembly again urge all churches and Church agencies to make available to their full-time employed personnel the Group Insurance coverage administered by this Board, approved by previous General Assemblies, and underwritten by the Home Life Insurance Company of New York.

7. That the Assembly request the Board of Annuities and Relief to hold regional conferences of a key person in each presbytery in an effort to get church officers to see the importance of churches and church agencies subscribing for this total program of their personnel.

8. That the Assembly again remind synods, presbyteries and churches that the full share of the budgeted benevolence askings should be sent to this Board so that the retired ministers of our Church and their dependents may be cared for properly.

9. That the Assembly urge a generous Joy Gift offering on the part of all Church organizations since it is a major source of income with which the Board provides for the retired servants of the Church.

10. That the Assembly again authorize the Board to use a portion of the funds of Ministerial Relief to supplement inadequate annuities, taking into consideration other sources of income of the annuitants.

11. That the Assembly request the Chairman of Annuities and Relief in the pres-

byteries to advise the Board of any emergency situations arising in the lives of our retired ministers and their dependents.

12. With reference to the proposed memorial to the late Dr. Henry Hayes Sweets, Executive Secretary of the former Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, your committee recommends (1) that a suitable memorial tablet be erected in the headquarters of the Board to the memory of Dr. Sweets; (2) that a brief sketch of Dr. Sweets' life and service to the Church be printed and made available for distribution.

13. That the Assembly approve the action of the Board of Annuities and Relief in electing Mr. Charles J. Currie of Atlanta, Georgia, as Executive Secretary for a term of three years beginning September 1, 1954.

14. That the Assembly answer overture 39 from the Presbytery of East Mississippi regarding the increase of payments into the Ministers' Annuity Fund by referring it to the Board of Annuities and Relief for a complete study and report to the next General Assembly.

15. That the General Assembly answer overture 57 from Orange Presbytery regarding the amount of relief payments to ministers and dependent children by stating that the major part of the large balance is permanent endowment, the principal of which cannot be spent; secondly, that we decline to make any across the board relief payments to ministers and their families believing that every case should be handled on its own merits; thirdly, we request the Board to endeavor to make relief payments on a monthly basis.

16. That the General Assembly answer in the negative overture 58 from Orange Presbytery regarding the request for an increase in the amount of the annuity being paid to widows of ministers and dependent children since the Board is now granting the exact amount prescribed by the Annuity contract.

17. That the General Assembly answer in the negative overture 59 from Orange Presbytery regarding the request to permit ministers to receive their annuities when they retire at age 70 even though they continue serving the Church and that attention be called to the "Temporary Modification of Rules Governing Retirement under the Ministers' Annuity Fund" on pages 61-62 of the Minutes of the 1949 General Assembly.

18. That the General Assembly approve the report of the Permanent Nominating Committee which nominates to the Class of 1957 on the Board of Annuities and Relief Rev. E. G. Lilly, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. John R. Richardson, Mr. Turner Rice, Mr. Curtis Morris, Dr. L. Newton Turk, Jr., and to the Class of 1955 Mr. Will M. Richardson to replace Mr. Charles J. Currie as of September 1, 1954.

19. That the Board be commended for its vision and service to the Church as it increases in usefulness year by year, and that Dr. Wade H. Boggs be commended for his untiring and gracious service not only during the past year but for his lifetime ministry in the service of the Lord through our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. BRYAN, *Chairman*
WALTER A. BENNETT, *Secretary*

Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Women's Work. Rev. Harmon B. Ramsey was called to the Chair and presided during the presentation of this report. The report was adopted, as amended. Recommendation 1 was adopted with a rising vote. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

Referred to this committee were the following:

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Women's Work.
2. Minute Book of the Board of Women's Work.

3. Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to the Board of Women's Work.

4. The Manual of the Board of Women's Work.

The committee heard an oral summary of the 42nd Annual Report of the Board of Women's Work presented by Dr. Janie W. McGaughey, Executive Secretary, and Mrs. W. H. Hopper, Chairman of the Board.

The Committee notes with satisfaction that the increased gifts to the General Fund this year together with the larger sales of literature have resulted in a more stable financial operation for the Board. The committee is also gratified to find that the Board, in compliance with the action of the 1953 General Assembly that salaries of Staff Personnel be increased to more adequate standards (pp. 71, G.A.M.), has taken steps to raise salaries somewhat, and urges that further study and action be taken in this important matter.

The committee calls to the attention of the Assembly the following noteworthy achievements of the nine months Church year ending December 31, 1953:

An increase of seventy local Women of the Church organizations, and 10,415 more women enlisted; an increase in gifts of $265,023 over the prior year (comparing three-fourths of the gifts of the church year 1952-53 with the gifts in the 1953 nine-month Church year); the largest Birthday Gift ever given of $181,642.80 designated for the four furlough homes for missionaries in connection with our four theological seminaries; total gifts to all causes, $2,703,699.

The committee commends the Board of Women's Work, its Executive Secretary, Dr. Janie McGaughey, and the members of her staff on these accomplishments measurable in numerical terms, and also upon the following splendid achievements not so handily measured:

Spiritual growth emphasizing in programs of study, worship and service every woman's importance in the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship strengthened through implementing the Assembly's recommendation that voluntary contributions rather than money-making schemes be used to raise Women of the Church budgets.

Forwarding the ecumenical movement through emphasis of the theme: "Christ Calls to Mission and Unity—What Must the Churches Do?"

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That the General Assembly give its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Janie W. McGaughey for her faithful and devoted service to the Board of Women's Work over the past 25 years.

2. That the Board of Women's Work continue their study of the salary scale of all personnel connected with the Board in an effort to bring them up to a level in keeping with salaries paid to those holding comparable positions of like responsibility in other Boards and agencies, in order that our faithful servants may be free from financial care.

3. That the Revised Manual for the work of the Women of the Church be approved.

4. That the Board of Women's Work suggest to their local groups that the pastor of the local church be invited to present to the Women of the Church the System of Government in the Presbyterian Church, including the duties and responsibilities of the several courts and our basic doctrines, in order that the Women of the Church may better advance the total program of the church.

5. That the General Assembly encourage the local sessions to form a session's Committee on Women's Work.

6. That the minutes of the Board of Women's Work be approved.

7. That, in light of the fact that there was a vacancy on the Board of Women's Work throughout the past year, with no means by which a replacement could be made, it is recommended that the General Council study the advisability of the Assembly electing one or two alternate members to the Boards of the Church to serve in the event of vacancies occurring in the Boards between meetings of the General Assembly.

8. That the General Assembly take note of the number of advances made during the year and the forward looking plans which are projected for the future and request the Board of Women's Work in its annual report to the General Assembly to continue its emphasis of constant self criticism, re-study and flexible adaptation to the needs of the Church.

9. That the following, nominated by the Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Assembly to the Board of Women's Work, be elected:

(1) Nominees for the Board of Women's Work to the Class of 1957:
Rev. William B. Ward, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Mrs. Julius Smith, Dallas, Texas
Mrs. J. Percy Terrell, Navasota, Texas
Mrs. Walter N. Trulock, Jr., Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Mrs. W. J. Powell, Thomasville, Georgia
Mrs. W. A. McCutchen, 7716 Eighth Avenue S., Birmingham, Alabama
(replacing Mrs. A. Walton Litz)
To the Class of 1955:
Mrs. Helen Vass, Orlando, Florida
(Replacing Mrs. Elmer Reynolds, Greenwood, S. C.)

(2) Nominee for the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union:
Mrs. R. G. Martin, Pensacola, Florida, Class of 1956

(3) Nominee to the General Council:
Mrs. T. Smith Brewer, Huntington, W. Va.
(Replacing Mrs. A. Walton Litz, Little Rock, Ark.)

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. JONES, *Chairman*
E. E. KIRKMAN, *Secretary*

Mr. W. A. Tucker was introduced to the Assembly as the new Business Manager for the Mountain Retreat Association.

Rev. Warner L. Hall, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education. The report was adopted as amended. The prayer called for in recommendation 1 was offered by Rev. Marshall C. Dendy. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There have been placed in our hands the following: The annual report of the Board of Christian Education; the audit of the financial affairs of the Board prepared by Leach, Calkins and Scott, Certified Public Accountants of Richmond, Va.; Minutes of the meetings of the Board; proposed revision of the Manual of the Board; overtures 35, 36, 37, 38, 56, 60, 68; a letter from the Rev. Henry Edward Russell; two answers to overtures and special requests of the General Assembly; the recommendations of the Board; and a list of nominees to the Board as presented by the Permanent Nominating Committee.

Your Standing Committee has been much encouraged by the manifest devotion of the members and staff of the Board to the important tasks committed to their trust, and by the effectiveness of their labor. Even the most casual acquaintance with the manifold activities carried on by this Board impresses the observer with the tremendous impact which this segment of the work of our Church makes upon the membership of the Church. Moreover there is apparently a desire on the part of all those connected with this work constantly to improve their service to the Church. As an example of this desire we would call the attention of the Assembly to the newly erected Christian Education building at Montreat, enabling the Board to render more effective service to those coming here to prepare themselves for places of leadership in our churches.

We have read the Minutes of the Board and have found them to have been kept with meticulous care and to the best of our knowledge are in order.

We have examined the Financial Report of the Board as audited by Leach, Calkins and Scott. We believe that a proper audit has been made and that the financial affairs of the Board are in excellent condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that overture 35 from the Presbytery of Missouri, requesting that the Chapter on the church school, in the Book of Church Order, if approved, be mailed to all church school superintendents be answered by reference to recommendation 8 in report of Standing Committee on Judicial Business.

2. We recommend that overture 36 from the Presbytery of Roanoke, requesting assistance to laymen in filling pastorless pulpits, be answered by calling attention to the material presently available and by referring sections 4 and 5 to the Permanent Judicial Committee for further study.

3. We recommend that overture 37 from the Presbytery of Mobile, requesting the Board to publish a loose-leaf edition of the Book of Church Order, be answered by the fact that the Board of Christian Education is committed to prepare such an edition as soon as a practical method for its preparation and distribution can be devised.

4. We recommend that overture 38 from the Presbytery of El Paso, requesting a change in the name of the Pioneer Department, be answered in the negative.

5. We recommend that overture 56 from the Rev. B. W. Baker, requesting that the Board of Education be restrained from requesting reports from the session, be answered in the negative.

6. We recommend that overture 60 from the Presbytery of Orange, requesting a revision of the Child's Catechism, be answered by requesting the Board to seek to produce such material, either on its own initiative or in cooperation with other Presbyterian bodies.

7. We recommend that overture 68 from the Presbytery of Meridian, requesting an Ad Interim Committee to study our young people's literature, be answered in the negative.

8. In response to the letter of the Rev. Henry Edward Russell, requesting that a film on the life of John Knox be produced, we recommend that we express ourselves as being favorable to the idea of producing films depicting our spiritual heritage, that we feel that the life of Calvin possesses interest as well as dramatic quality which would fit it for such presentation; and that the matter be referred to the Board of Christian Education and to the Division of Radio and Television of the Board of Church Extension.

9. We recommend that the following section on "Testing" be adopted as section 6 of the Manual "Duties of the Presbytery Regarding Candidates for the Ministry":

"Testing

"The selection of candidates for the Christian ministry, so important for the building up of the Christian Church, is primarily the function of the Holy Spirit. Unless the candidate for the ministry is His choice, all human judgment is futile. However, the guidance of God's Spirit should be accompanied by the use of common sense, and presbyteries should avail themselves of such examinations and tests as may be helpful in determining a prospective candidate's physical, intellectual and spiritual fitness for the work of the ministry.

"Among others, three types of tests should be used by presbyteries in approving candidates prior to their entrance into seminary:

"(1) A recognized intelligence test.

"(2) A vocational interest test. If possible, tests should be designed to evaluate the applicant's linguistic ability and his persuasiveness. The Kuder Preference Record and the Strong Vocational Interests Tests are probably the best at the moment. The results of these tests should be given to the presbytery and filed with the seminary when the student applies for admission, and should go a long way toward placing young men in the branches of the Christian ministry for which they are best fitted.

"(3) One or more of the recognized personality tests, such as the Bernreuter, the Minnesota Multiphasic, or the Rorschach.

"These tests should be given and interpreted only by psychologists or others competent in such testing. Results of such tests should be regarded by presbytery committees as helpful bases for judgment rather than as final judgments in themselves. A well-given personality test should help to detect three categories of candidates—first, those of reasonably 'normal' personalities; second, those having minor personality deficiencies which are amenable to correction through counseling; and third, an occasional one having sufficiently serious neurotic tendencies to disqualify him for the ministry."

10. We recommend the approval of the new chapter on "The Director of Christian Education", as amended, prepared by the Board of Christian Education at the direction of the 1953 General Assembly, in response to overture 34 (1953) from the Presbytery of Dallas. It is hereby approved and sent to the presbyteries for advice and consent. It is as follows:

THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER, FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Chapter.....

THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Holy Scriptures bear witness to the diversities of gifts bestowed upon the servants of God. By precept and example our Lord and his Apostles have exalted the ministry of teaching as a means of perfecting the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

To meet the need of the Church for the service of prepared persons, in addition to ordained Ministers, to foster the spiritual nurture of God's people, Presbyteries may receive and enroll as candidates for certification as Directors of Christian Education men and women who give promise of usefulness in this field; and, when such persons have been trained and their gifts have been proved, as hereinafter prescribed, the Presbyteries may certify them as Directors of Christian Education.

(A) Persons Preparing For This Vocation

1. It is recommended that every person who, believing himself (or herself) called to serve the Church as a Director of Christian Education, enters on a course of study and of practical training to prepare himself for such a vocation should seek to be taken under the care of Presbytery. This should ordinarily be the Presbytery which has jurisdiction over the church of which he is a member. He should file his application for reception under the care of Presbytery at least two months prior to the meeting of the Presbytery, addressing his application to the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education or to the Stated Clerk.

2. Upon receipt of the application it shall be the duty of this committee to inquire carefully into the Christian character, the personality, the vocational fitness, and the physical, mental and spiritual qualifications of the applicant; and to report to the Presbytery upon these and other points which would have a bearing upon his qualifications for this vocation. The report should also contain the recommendation of the committee as to whether the applicant should or should not be received under the care of the Presbytery.

3. If the committee recommends that an applicant be taken under the care of the Presbytery, he shall appear before the Presbytery in person, and shall be examined by the Presbytery on experimental religion and on his motives for seeking to serve as a Director of Christian Education.

4. If the testimonials and the examination prove satisfactory, the Presbytery shall receive him under its care in the following manner:

The Moderator shall propose to him these questions:

(1) Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a becoming Christian character, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for service as a Director of Christian Education?

(2) Do you promise to submit yourself to the proper supervision of the Presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this vocation?

If these questions are answered in the affirmative, the Moderator, or someone appointed by him, shall give the candidate a brief charge; and the proceedings shall close with prayer. The name of the candidate is then to be recorded on the Presbytery's roll of persons who, under its care, are preparing for service as Directors of Christian Education.

5. As respects his preparatory training for his vocation, the candidate is under the oversight of the Presbytery. It shall be the duty of the Presbytery to show a kindly and sympathetic interest in him, and to give him counsel and guidance in his preparation for service as a Director of Christian Education.

6. A candidate shall, at his own request, be allowed to withdraw from the care of the Presbytery. The Presbytery may also, for sufficient reasons, remove the name of a candidate from its roll; but in such case it shall report its action and the reasons therefor to the candidate.

(B) The Certification of Directors of Christian Education

1. The examination of a person applying for certification as a Director of Christian Education shall be conducted by the Presbytery under whose care he is at the time he seeks certification. But if he receives a formal invitation to labor within the bounds of another Presbytery, his own Presbytery may dismiss him to that Presbytery for certification.

2. If a person applying for certification as a Director of Christian Education is not under the care of a Presbytery, his examination shall ordinarily be conducted by the Presbytery having jurisdiction of the church to which he has been called. In such cases he should file his application for certification as a Director of Christian Education at least two months prior to the meeting of the Presbytery, addressing his application to the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education or to the Stated Clerk. Upon receipt of the application this committee shall proceed as indicated in paragraphs A:2 and A:3 above.

3. The Presbytery shall require a candidate for certification as a Director of Christian Education to show evidence of having secured from an accredited institution a master's degree based upon two years of graduate professional study in the field of Christian education. (See paragraph C:2 below for a supplementary provision.) In addition, he shall show evidence of having received and accepted a call from the Session of a particular church or from some authorized agency of a Presbytery or a Synod or the General Assembly, to a position of service in which he will devote at least as much as half of his time to Christian education. He shall be examined on his understanding of basic Christian beliefs, church government, the sacraments, English Bible and Christian education.

In extraordinary cases a Presbytery may allow exceptions to the above requirements; but the Presbytery shall always make a record of the exceptions allowed and of the reasons therefor.

4. If the Presbytery be satisfied with the qualifications and examination of the candidate, it shall then proceed to certify him as a Director of Christian Education. The certifying shall be in the following manner:

The Moderator shall propose to him the following questions:

(1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

(2) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative make known to the Presbytery having jurisdiction over the church of which you are a member, the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this vow?

(3) Do you approve of the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States?

(4) Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek service as a Director of Christian Education from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the Gospel of his Son?

(5) Do you promise faithfully to perform all the duties of a Director of Christian Education and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the people whom you serve?

(6) Do you promise to subject yourself in the Lord to the supervision of the Session (or other agency) under which you will be laboring?

5. The name of the person so certified shall be recorded on the Presbytery's roll of certified Directors of Christian Education, and a record of the certification shall be given to him.

6. Certification by the Presbytery for service as a Director of Christian Education remains valid so long as the person certified continues to be actively engaged in the service of a church or other authorized agency of a Presbytery, Synod, or the General Assembly in a position in which he devotes at least as much as half of his time to Christian education. When he is no longer actively engaged in this field of service, his certification remains valid for a three-year period only. A person whose certification has become invalid may have it renewed by the Presbytery on recommendation of its Committee on Christian Education, this recommendation to be consequent upon the written request of the person involved.

While a person who has been once certified for services as Director of Christian Education may keep his certification valid when he is no longer actively engaged in the work, he is eligible to use the title, "Director of Christian Education," only when he is professionally engaged for as much as half of his time in some phase of Christian education.

Certification for service as a Director of Christian Education may be revoked on request of the person so certified. Or the Presbytery, for sufficient reason, may revoke his certification; but in such case the Presbytery shall record the reasons therefor and shall report its action and the reasons for it to the worker and to the Session of his church.

7. A roll of certified Directors of Christian Education shall be maintained by each Presbytery, shall be reported annually to the General Assembly, and shall be recorded annually in the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The certified Director of Christian Education continues to be a member of a local church and subject to the jurisdiction of the Session.

When a certified Director of Christian Education transfers his membership to a church in another Presbytery, his Presbytery may grant him a certificate by which his name may be transferred to the roll of certified Directors of Christian Education of the Presbytery having jurisdiction of the church to which he has transferred his membership. A Presbytery enrolling a certified Director of Christian Education by certificate of transfer may examine him in his views concerning basic Christian beliefs.

(C) The Certification of Associates in Christian Education

1. The procedure for the examination and certification of Associates in Christian Education shall be identical with that prescribed above for Directors of Christian Education, except that the requirements differ as follows:

The Presbytery shall require a candidate for certification as an Associate in Christian Education to show evidence of having secured from an accredited educational institution a bachelor's degree.

2. An Associate in Christian Education may achieve certification for service as a Director of Christian Education by completing a five-year period of service as an Associate in Christian Education in which he has successfully demonstrated his vocational ability, and by completing a minimum of nine semester hours of graduate study in Christian education in an accredited institution approved by the Presbytery.

When these requirements have been met to the satisfaction of the Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education, it may then recommend to the Presbytery that the person involved be certified as a Director of Christian Education. Presbytery may take this action without further examination of the candidate and without the renewal of his vows, simply recording its action and entering the person's name on its roll of certified Directors of Christian Education.

(D) ASSISTANTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Local churches may employ as Assistants in Christian Education men or women who show interest, aptitude and ability in the field of Christian education but who do not seek certification by Presbytery.

11. That the Assembly give thanks to God for His blessings upon the Board of Christian Education and the work of Christian Education in every local church, and that prayer be offered for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all who are serving in the total program of Christian Education.
12. That the revised Manual of the Board of Christian Education be approved.
13. That every church be urged to become acquainted with the new curriculum materials issued for children from birth through three years of age, and to make the most of this new opportunity offered for the Christian nurture of Nursery children.
14. That every church be urged to take full advantage of the evangelistic opportunities offered by the vacation church school and provide for the children of the church and community a well-conducted vacation school, using the recommended texts on "The Church."
15. That every church encourage its young people to participate in community observance of Youth Week, opening with Assembly's Youth Sunday, January 30, 1955, and concluding with a community interdenominational Youth Sunday, February 6, 1955.
16. That every church be urged to offer *all* adults—young adults, "middle" adults, and older adults—special study courses on Christian Beliefs during 1955 when the Church Program emphasis will be "Christian Faith."
17. That the Clerks of Sessions be urged to report all young adult classes and groups on the Sessional Report Blanks, including in Part II the names and addresses of contact persons for each class or group.
18. That Presbytery Religious Education Committees be encouraged to hold at least one family camp during 1955 to train leaders for the direction of congregational family camps in 1956.
19. That synods and presbyteries plan and promote a comprehensive, ongoing program of Leadership Education adapted to their areas, working through councils or subcommittees of the Committee on Religious Education.
20. That synods and presbyteries develop capable "local church clinic" teams under the direction of the Regional Directors, and utilize such teams in churches which need them.
21. That each synod co-operate in the Assembly-wide series of "Spiritual Life Retreats for Enriching the Whole Work of the Ministry" being planned for 1954 and 1955 by the evangelistic, stewardship and educational forces of our Church.
22. That every church evaluate its educational work, using the manual, *A Guide for Presbyterian Church Schools*, and on the basis of this evaluation take positive steps to strengthen and extend its teaching program; and that Rally Day be observed on Sunday, September 26, with a program on religious education.
23. That every church give generously to the work of Christian Education, as set forth in the Rally Day objectives.
24. That every church maintain adequate records on individual members, using either John Knox Permanent Records or John Knox Loose-Leaf Records; and, further, that every church school department or group maintain both an "attendance roll" and a "responsibility roll."

25. That, in view of the fact that the literature prepared for use in our Church is an effective means of acquainting children, youth and adults with our Church's program, its position on social issues, its interpretation of the Bible and its doctrinal beliefs, all churches and church schools be urged to use it in their educational program.
26. That pastors and sessions be requested to acquaint the men of their congregations with the purpose, program and leadership of the Presbyterian Men's Convention to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 15-17, 1954, and make provision for at least one official representative from every church in the General Assembly.
27. That the session of each congregation be urged to send its pastor to the Convention and to arrange for a layman to supply the pulpit on October 17, 1954, which is Laymen's Sunday.
28. That, since 1956 is the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Presbyterian Church in America, the synods, with the assistance of the Division of Men's Work, be authorized to plan and put on Elder-Deacon-Pastor Conventions in each synod during that year, and that the program and leadership include a consideration of our heritage, the principles of representative government, the contribution of the Presbyterian Church to the nation, the significance of the work of Elders and Deacons, the purposes and processes of Men's Work as it promotes the total program of the Church.
29. That, in view of the 1953 General Assembly's action and the pressing and critical need for interest in and support of our colleges and seminaries, the year 1956 be designated as a Year of Special Emphasis for the entire program of Christian Higher Education.
30. That hereafter the period from Easter to the first of May be designated as the time of emphasis on Higher Education, instead of the month of May.
31. That December 26, 1954, be observed as Christian Student Sunday (Life Dedication Day); that February 20, 1955, be observed as Day of Prayer for Students Around the World; that April 24, 1955, be observed as National Christian College Sunday (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges).
32. That the Assembly urge our ministers to bring to the attention of our people the importance of Presbyterian schools, colleges, seminaries and the Assembly's Training School, both for our Church and for our nation; that ministers and congregations cooperate with our colleges and seminaries in their programs of recruiting students; and that local congregations be encouraged to set up scholarship funds to be administered locally or by our educational institutions to help worthy boys and girls with their education in Presbyterian institutions.
33. That congregations which have not yet provided for Christian Vocational Guidance be urged to place the responsibility for such guidance on some committee so that the local congregation can cooperate with existing agencies in the General Assembly, synods, presbyteries and church colleges in assisting youth to find God's plan for their lives and the ways in which they can best prepare themselves for useful and happy living.
34. That we request the General Assembly to approve as the policy of John Knox Press the following:

    The purpose of John Knox Press is to contribute to and stimulate the advancement of Christian thought and living throughout the world by the publication and distribution of books and other printed materials.

    As the official publishing agency of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, John Knox Press will publish only those books which carry out this objective and which are written by authors within the bounds of the evangelical Christian tradition.

    In accordance with the established policy of our Church, it will be the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education to see that this standard is maintained.

35. That the Assembly unite its consideration of its educational program by placing all matters relating to education in the hands of one Standing Committee, and to

that end the number of commissioners usually assigned to the Standing Committees on Educational Institutions and Christian Education be hereafter assigned to the combined committee.

36. That the following persons nominated by the Permanent Nominating Committee be elected to the Board of Christian Education for a term of three years:

Rev. A. R. Bird, Jr., Huntington, West Virginia
Rev. D. P. McGeachy, Jr., Clearwater, Florida
Rev. John Olert, Jr., First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, Missouri
Rev. R. Matthew Lynn, Midland, Texas
Mr. George D. Bowles, Mutual Building, Richmond, Virginia
Miss Charlotte Persinger, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. A. L. Currie, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn.

37. That the following be elected members of the Board for a term of one year:

Mr. Royall Brown (Immediate Past President Men's Council), Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Mr. John Matthews (President, Men's Council), Fayetteville, Tennessee
Mr. Ed. C. Hammond (Vice-President, Men's Council), Box 1683, Atlanta, Ga.

38. That the Assembly express its gratitude for the work being done by the members of the Board of Christian Education, and the Executive Secretary and the Staff, and for the manifold testimonies to the increasing effectiveness of the educational program of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WARNER L. HALL, *Chairman*
A. CLARKE DEAN, *Secretary*

Rev. Warner L. Hall came to the chair at the request of the Moderator and presided during the presentation of the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension. The report was presented by Rev. C. H. Williams, Chairman. It was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

Your committee on Church Extension had placed in its hands the following papers: the Minutes of the Board Meetings, the Report of the Board of Church Extension for the year April 1-December 31, 1953, and the report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to the Board of Church Extension.

The Minutes of the Board were read, found in order and approved.

The Reports of the Board are set forth herewith.

I. THE DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS

This agency of our Church has an enlarged view of aiding our Church and presbyteries throughout the Assembly under the guidance of most consecrated, diligent leaders.

Through a forward program of support many small churches now have a regular ministry. In view of the tremendous southland population influx, and the rapid development of new churches this Division offers aid:

Through our Urban Church Department, the Church's opportunities for development are indicated in view of population trends in the suburban areas of the South.

Through the Town and Country Church Department, needs of our rural churches are met.

Through the Church Architecture Department, invaluable courses and aid is available for churches contemplating building programs.

Sunday School Extension workers are rendering valuable service in many of our synods.

We are maintaining the tie with Chaplains and filling our quota in the Armed Forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Concern was expressed over the fact that this Division's receipts were only slightly over three-fourths of the amount needed to meet budget needs.

We respectfully recommend:

1. That the Church Extension Season, October 3-24, be observed as a time of rededication to the evangelistic and extension enterprise of the Church; that all pastors be requested to acquaint their people with the challenging opportunities now before the Church that call for an enlarged and sustained Church Extension advance; and that the entire Church be summoned to united and earnest prayer for all phases of the Church Extension Program.

2. That every church in the Assembly with its organizations be requested to observe October 17-24 as a Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Church Extension and that every session be urged to arrange for a generous supplemental offering for this cause.

3. That the Capital Gifts Plan, approved by the General Assembly last year, be commended again to the presbyteries.

THE PLAN

(1) A Survey in each presbytery to determine the needs for new churches in that presbytery, in the areas of Urban, Rural and Negro work. This should be done on a presbytery-wide basis, with full use of laymen of the presbytery, and should include a consideration of needed expansion of facilities for certain existing churches.

(2) A Plan in every presbytery to raise the funds necessary to meet the need.

It is contemplated that this shall be a long-range program designed to meet the needs of the presbyteries as revealed by the survey; and to provide each presbytery's share of the Assembly's Budget for church and manse erection.

It is suggested that the Church Extension Season in October be used as a time to emphasize this plan and to raise such portion of the above as the presbyteries and churches desire.

During this season supplementary offerings could be taken in keeping with the Assembly's established policy of taking such offerings. (Minutes of 1953, Par. 4, Page 57.) When accepted askings for Assembly's Church Extension have been met by the presbytery, then it may retain any balance above such askings as a Presbytery Extension Fund. In those presbyteries where Assembly's askings were not accepted in full, it is hoped that there will be a generous sharing of such balance with the Assembly's Board.

4. That all organizations, Men's Groups, Women of the Church, Youth Fellowships and Sunday schools, be urged to make the largest possible use of the study season, October 3-24, using the interdenominational study book, "Man and God in the City," by Kenneth D. Miller, the denominational reading book, "Our Cities for Christ," by Thomas W. Currie, Jr., and the supplementary materials prepared by the Promotion Department of the Board.

5. That each Synod and Presbytery Church Extension Committee set up a "Sub-committee on the Town and Country Church," and instruct this sub-committee to develop a program to meet the special needs of Town and Country churches, using the Manual prepared to guide them in their work.

6. That each Synod and Presbytery Church Extension Committee be urged to sponsor the use of the "Attainment Standards for Town and Country Churches."

7. That each Presbytery Church Extension Committee sponsor a survey of its Town and Country churches, with a view toward establishing the Larger Parish plan among these churches so situated as to profit by the plan.

8. That synods not having a Sunday School Extension worker at present, survey their needs and apply to the Sunday School Extension Department for the services of a Sunday School Extension Worker.

9. That each church in the General Assembly be urged to appoint an Extension Committee to investigate the needs of areas in the community for a new Sunday school, using the materials available from the Sunday School Extension Department.

10. That this committee also recommend to the General Assembly that Richard R. Potter, John Bright and Claude H. Pritchard be elected our representatives on the General Commission on Chaplains.

II. THE DIVISION OF EVANGELISM

Prof. Sorakin says: "The crisis is omnipresent and involves almost the whole of culture and society from top to bottom."

In light of the unrest, fear and anxiety produced by past years of strife, depression, inflations, failures in man-made plans, treaties and "isms," the souls of men are seeking after God. This quest is apparent in the popularity of religious films, the appeal of books on religious subjects and the hunger of men for spiritual depth.

The Standing Committee on Evangelism, sensing the need in this particular time of crisis and recognizing man's reaction in an attempted response to the Infinite, calls the attention of the Church to its primary function—the reaching of still others for God in the name of Christ.

We respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That the General Assembly commend the synods and presbyteries for planning and the carrying out of concerted efforts in Evangelistic outreach within their bounds and between themselves as like units in the Church.

2. That every Council of Evangelism in synod, presbytery and local church continue thorough preparation for the Assembly-approved evangelistic year 1955, coordinating their efforts in general promotion, the use of similar materials, etc.

3. That this year of special evangelistic emphasis be observed across the Church by a pairing-off of various synods or presbyteries within synods, so that an exchange of leadership might be effected with a minimum of expense and a maximum of efficiency.

4. That in the year 1955 the usual months of March, April and August be designated as those of special evangelistic emphasis over the entire Church.

5. We call to the attention of the Church the world-wide aspect of the Assembly's Evangelistic Program for 1955 and earnestly solicit the prayers of the local congregations at home and abroad for the greatest spiritual blessings in this undertaking.

6. That the period of March 7-April 10 be set for the Assembly-wide special season for simultaneous evangelistic endeavors. (It is understood that if an exchange of leadership is effected, time must elapse between "exchange efforts" so that proper follow-up and preparation may be possible and that local pastors may be at home to their visiting leaders.)

7. That local churches be considered participants in the Assembly-wide movement if they have either of three "campaigns" of evangelism, i.e., 1. Preaching and visitation carried on simultaneously with alternate teams visiting each evening, while the preaching services are in process; 2. Special preaching services, preceded by three or four days or evenings of lay visitation; 3. Lay visitation alone.

8. That every church be urged to consider seriously the potential of prayer among its consecrated membership and that the ministers be asked to encourage the formation of prayer groups to undergird the work of the entire Church.

9. That the Assembly commend the Pre-Easter Evangelistic Radio Series to the synods for incorporation into the intensive program of evangelism in the spring of 1955.

10. That all ministers consider the possibility and value of conducting adult communicant classes, preferably in a period preceding the reception of the new members into the church.

11. That in order to keep ever before them the primary task of evangelism, all ministers be invited to enter a covenant to speak to at least one person per week, seeking his definite decision for Christ.

12. That each synod continue to explore the possibility of securing the full-time services of a Director of Evangelism within its bounds.

13. That the Spiritual Life Retreats and Key City Plans in evangelism, recommended

by the Assembly last year, be continued in 1955 only as they supplement or fit into the larger-area program across the Assembly.

14. That the Assembly record its gratification and appreciation in the securing of Rev. A. E. Dimmock as Associate Secretary of the Division of Evangelism and heartily commend his services to the churches of the Assembly.

15. That every church be urged to accept the evangelistic goals suggested in the "Forward With Christ" program proposed by the General Council. It should be noted that in the attainment of these goals it will be necessary to receive into church membership approximately one on Profession of Faith for every 15 members; one on Certificate for every 7 members.

16. That the ministers be asked to take advantage of the especially designated Evangelism Sunday, November 28, 1954, to preach on the general theme of Evangelistic Outreach and to urge lay participation in a year-around program of recruiting for Christ and His Church.

17. That local churches be challenged to plan for and engage in special endeavors to reclaim inactive members. It is suggested that such efforts might well precede, as an effective means of preparation for, the special Assembly-approved Season of Evangelism.

18. That we recommend to every church special areas which are so often neglected fields in Evangelism, i.e., penal institutions, industrial organizations, hospitals, etc.

19. In answer to overture 8 from Mecklenburg Presbytery, referred to us by the 1953 Assembly, regarding church attendance, we recommend that this be answered in the negative, insofar as the sending of a pastoral letter is concerned. In the general program of evangelism this Division will frequently seek to emphasize the importance of church attendance as a means of spiritual growth and assimilation.

20. That a special expression of appreciation be made to the Division of Evangelism for its organization and presentation of the Pre-Assembly program which so provided a spiritual atmosphere for the opening of our Assembly, and recommend that this Division be requested to schedule a similar conference preceding the 95th General Assembly.

III. The Division of Negro Work

Our Church expects Negro Work to be worthy of a place in its great and successful Church Extension program. We want to be able to say that we are bearing our share of the responsibility for reaching the millions of Negroes in our southland.

The Campaign for Negro Work has stimulated local interest beyond our highest hopes.

Surveys have been conducted in the last two years in 40 communities. Supplemental surveys have been made in about 15 others.

Since 1950, 10 new Negro churches have been organized, definite plans are under way to begin work in 20 other communities.

We recommend:

1. That we express our thanks to God for the evidence of His blessing upon the Negro Work of our Church, for the growing interest in the work of the local church and for the success of our Negro Work Campaign.

2. That we express our appreciation for the leadership and service of Mr. R. A. Farnsworth, Mrs. Alexander Maitland and Dr. Patrick D. Miller as Assembly Chairmen of the Negro Work Campaign.

3. That all who have pledges outstanding in the Negro Work Campaign be urged to pay them as promptly as possible, in order to guarantee our receiving a $100,000.00 conditional gift on which the end of 1955 has been set as a time limit by the foundation so generously granting it.

4. That the Assembly approve the following program of procedure outlined by the Board of Church Extension for the use of Campaign funds. (A) The Division of Negro Work stands ready to furnish funds for the purchase of property. (B) The local group underwrites the salary of the minister. (C) The Division of Negro Work and the local group share in the erection of a building.

5. That we express our appreciation for the able leadership of Rev. Alex R. Batchelor and other staff members of the Division of Negro Work.

6. That the Assembly express its gratitude in the securing of Rev. James J. Alexander as new staff member in the Negro Work Division and commend his services to the churches of the Assembly.

IV. THE DIVISION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION

The subcommittee on Radio and Television of the Board of Church Extension listened with interest to the progress in this important phase of Church Extension as explained to us by Dr. John M. Alexander, Secretary of the Division of Radio and Television of the Board of Church Extension.

Dr. John A. Redhead has just concluded a series of sermons on the Presbyterian U. S. Series of the Protestant Hour. These programs were most successful as was indicated by the response. Between 2 and 3,000 copies of his sermons were requested each week. The Division of Radio and Television has conducted other types of programs such as "The Sunday School of the Air," by Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson. During the five months of this program it was heard over 150 radio stations. Mr. Douglas Macrae, an elder in the Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, now directs "The Sunday School of the Air." A series of six 15-minute programs based on the life of Brother Bryan of Birmingham were used during the past year.

The Radio and Television Division has also offered its services to the Armed Forces by the sending of the Presbyterian U. S. Series of the Protestant Hour to the Armed Services Radio around the world. They have made programs for the Navy on tape recordings to be used on small ships that do not have Chaplains. They have prepared 600 libraries of religious records for the Air Force to be used in the leading of worship services in small groups, who do not have Chaplains.

A joint committee composed of three representatives of the World Mission Board, Drs. Hugh Bradley, C. H. Patterson and H. E. Russell, and three representatives of the Board of Church Extension, Drs. Vernon Broyles, McDowell Richards and A. V. Gibson, has been set up to study the strategy of the use of radio, records, films and all audio-visual aids in connection with all work at home and abroad. This has special importance now that the Protestant Radio Center is equipped to produce this material of high quality at low cost.

Administratively the Division is a part of the Board of Church Extension. Its function is to serve the needs of the entire Church. The division of Radio and Television is already serving World Missions, Women's Work (producing a filmstrip on the 1954 Birthday offering), Negro Work (making a film on the establishment of new churches), Evangelism (providing Pre-Easter Services for local radio stations in several states), and Christian Education.

The first building of the Protestant Radio and Television Center has been completed and equipped at a cost of approximately $300,000. Already up to $70,000 has been contributed toward the completion of the Television Film Studio. The amount of $100,000 is needed to complete this studio. The Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Vice-President of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, is in charge of the on-going campaign to raise the remaining $30,000.

This past year the work of the Division of Radio and Television has been recognized in many gratifying ways. The decision of the Women of the Church to include in their 1954 Birthday Offering the sum of $30,000 toward the Protestant Radio Center was a means of stimulation of further contributions from other sources.

Through the Protestant Radio and Television Center, of which our denomination is a member, our Division of Radio and Television is prepared to produce any type of audio-visual materials for use at home or abroad.

The committee wishes to pay tribute to Dr. John M. Alexander, Secretary of the Division of Radio and Television whose dreams of a Protestant Radio Center stimulated the action of our denomination and other demnominations in the erection of this Center.

The Assembly's attention is called to the signal accomplishment of the Radio and Television Division of our Church in the establishment of both facilities, and a program

of operation, the like of which is unparalleled anywhere in our nation or any nation. If the time secured from radio stations were on a cash basis the cost would be $1,000,000 per year on the current operating basis. This time is obtained free. Outstanding is the accomplishment of the Protestant Radio and Television Center under the able guidance and leadership of Dr. Alexander.

We are most fortunate in having the services of two able assistants, Mr. Fred Ohl, Field Representative in Radio and more recently Mr. Harold B. Seawright who has been employed as Field Representative in the area of Television and Films.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these for their love and devotion in producing for our Church programs of the highest quality.

General recommendations:

Your Standing Committee recommends:

1. That the following be elected to the Board of Church Extension to the Class of 1957. Rev. Arthur V. Gibson, Arch B. Taylor, George Wright, Julian Alford, N. B. Etheridge, Rev. Cecil Lang and Rev. Ben L. Rose.

2. That the Assembly recognize with great appreciation the faithful and splendid services of our able and efficient secretaries in all the Divisions, especially, we would recognize the statesmanlike leadership of Dr. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., the able Executive Secretary of the Board, and pray for him God's richest blessing as he enters another field of service.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. C. H. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*
REV. GEORGE L. RIDDLE, *Secretary*

Rev. David L. Stitt, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on World Missions. During the presentation of the report the Moderator appointed a Special Committee for the purpose of making nominations for the Board of World Missions. The committee was composed as follows: J. A. Redhead, P. D. Miller, David L. Stitt, Eldon Wilson, W. W. Arrowood and J. Ross McCain. Further action on the report was deferred, pending a report from this special committee.

Mr. J. Edward Faucette, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on General Council. Rev. Robert Jones came to the Chair at request of the Moderator and presided during the presentation of this report.

The Assembly took recess until 7:30 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

7:30 p.m.

The Assembly met and resumed consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on General Council. The report was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GENERAL COUNCIL

The following items have been considered by this Committee:

I. The Minutes of the General Council.

II. The Annual Report of the General Council.

III. Overtures 31-33 and recommendations of the Committee on Cooperation and Union, pages 42 and 46 of the Blue Book.

IV. A list of nominees to fill vacancies on the General Council caused by the expiration of terms of the Class of 1954.

V. Committee Resolutions.

I. THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Your committee has reviewed the Minutes of the General Council for 1953-54 and recommends their approval.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AND GROWING OUT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The Standing Committee recommends the approval of the following recommendations:

A. Stewardship

1. That the Stewardship Emphasis Season begin October 24, 1955, and continue through November 20, 1955, with November 13 being designated as Every Member Canvass Day, with the theme of the Canvass being "Forward With Christ."

2. That churches be reminded that stewardship is an integral part of the Christian experience and that a new leaflet on "The Stewardship Committee in the Local Church," available without cost from the General Council, offers helpful suggestions as to how this vital matter can be kept continually before the Church.

3. That the value of Conferences on Stewardship for ministers, elders, deacons and leaders of men and women, under the auspices of the Presbytery's Stewardship Committee, has been proven and we recommend that Presbyteries' Committees or Councils which have not promoted such conferences be urged to do so this year in order to familiarize those responsible for these matters with their responsibilities and opportunities.

B. Finance

4. The total askings of the agencies for 1955 were $6,795,077.00. We recommend that the budget for the Church Year 1955 be $6,224,075.00 as follows:

		Budget 1955
Board of World Missions		$3,050,000.00
Board of Church Extension		1,400,000.00
Board of Christian Education		535,180.00
Board of Annuities and Relief		441,817.00
The General Fund:		777,378.00
Board of Women's Work	$125,000.00	
The General Council	110,221.00	
Assembly's Training School	185,000.00	
Montreat	168,000.00	
Stillman College	125,000.00	
Historical Foundation	22,457.00	
American Bible Society	35,000.00	
Administrative Expense	6,700.00	
Inter-Church Agencies		$ 19,700.00
National Council	10,200.00	
World Council	7,500.00	
Lord's Day Alliance	1,000.00	
Religion in American Life	1,000.00	
		$6,224,075.00

5. That the foregoing budget for the Church Year 1955 be apportioned to the synods on the basis of ⅓ for membership, ⅓ on contributions to the Assembly's agencies for

the last three years and ⅓ for total contributions, less building expense, for the last three years, as follows:

	Total Apportionment 100%	World Missions 49%	Church Extension 23%	Christian Education 8.7%	Annuities and Relief 7%	General Fund 12%	Inter-Church Agencies .3%
Alabama	$ 268,491	$131,394	$ 60,312	$23,056	$19,033	$ 33,847	$ 849
Appalachia	385,454	188,885	86,702	33,144	27,362	48,141	1,220
Arkansas	160,082	78,445	36,008	13,765	11,364	19,993	507
Florida	426,409	208,955	95,914	36,665	30,269	53,256	1,350
Georgia	483,732	237,046	108,808	41,594	34,338	60,415	1,531
Kentucky	204,273	100,100	45,948	17,565	14,500	25,513	647
Louisiana	229,169	112,301	51,548	19,705	16,268	28,622	725
Mississippi	272,611	133,590	61,320	23,441	19,351	34,046	863
Missouri	176,078	86,285	39,606	15,140	12,499	21,991	557
N. Carolina	1,034,001	506,698	232,582	88,909	73,399	129,140	3,273
Oklahoma	43,070	21,108	9,688	3,703	3,057	5,378	136
S. Carolina	455,350	233,138	102,424	39,154	32,323	56,870	1,441
Tennessee	278,587	136,517	62,664	23,955	19,776	34,793	882
Texas	768,608	376,647	172,886	66,089	54,560	95,994	2,432
Virginia	778,814	381,646	175,182	66,967	55,285	97,269	2,465
W. Virginia	259,666	127,245	58,408	22,328	18,433	32,430	822

In making the foregoing recommendation as to the apportionments, we would assure the Church that the Budget and Stewardship Committee has most carefully studied the budgets of all of the Assembly's agencies and we consider the amounts recommended to be the absolute minimum amounts needed for the security of our work and that every agency could do more work for the extension of the Kingdom if more funds are made available. We would call the attention of every congregation to its responsibility for the total work of the Church—Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly—as represented by the apportionment for this total work assigned to it by the Presbytery's Stewardship Committee or Council, and that this responsibility should be fully met before over and above gifts are made to any cause or causes.

The General Assembly reaffirms its position that the foregoing apportionments shall be the total amount expected from the Church by the Every Member Canvass and supplementary gifts, and recommends that each church choose either of the following methods best suited to raise its funds.

a. By including in its local budget a certain portion of its benevolence apportionment to be contributed through the budget, with the balance to be secured by supplementary offerings to certain causes, or

b. By including the total apportionment in the budget without supplementary offerings.

In making the above statement, the General Council would call attention to the Church, and to local congregations, that the annual Birthday Offering of the Women of the Church, the Negro Work Campaign, and the offering mentioned in recommendation 8 are not for budgeted causes and should be handled as special offerings separate and apart from the budget.

As the work of the Church must go on throughout the year, we urge all local church treasurers and central treasurers to remit their benevolences as collected—monthly if possible. This will enable our agencies to meet fixed monthly obligations without the necessity of borrowing money.

6. That the attention of Synods' and Presbyteries' Committees be called to the new formula used in apportioning the Assembly's budget to synods as being suitable for use by them in apportioning the budget to presbyteries and local churches.

7. That if the budget of the Historical Foundation (in the General Fund for $22,457.00) is not secured, the deficit be taken care of by the Office of the General Assembly.

8. The General Assembly recommends that a special Easter offering be received for alleviating suffering and need in the name of Christ throughout the world; the funds

to be administered by the Board of World Missions through its department of Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid for work not included in their budget, working cooperatively with other Protestant denominations in Church World Service, C. R. O. P., and the World Council of Churches.

9. That Rev. B. S. Hodges, Jr., be again designated as Treasurer for any funds which may be given to Program of Progress objectives.

C. Program

10. That the General Assembly approve a Church Planning Committee for the voluntary use in local churches and that the material, the Church Planning Committee, be printed and distributed to all of the churches. The outline of the Church Planning Committee is as follows:

The Church Planning Committee

The Church Planning Committee is a committee appointed by the Session to plan in broad outline for the program of the local church, to arrange the calendar of activities for the total church program, and to co-ordinate and integrate the program of all groups of the church. It is concerned with the programs of all the groups of the local church: Sunday School, children, youth, young adults, men, women, and all other organized groups. This committee is the servant of the Session—the Session functioning through it in planning and guiding the total program of the church. All of the actions of the committee are subject to the review, approval and control of the Session.

Membership

The Church Planning Committee shall be composed of a representative from each organization, such as, the Sunday church school, the Men of the Church, the Women of the Church, Young Adult Groups, Youth Fellowships, Children's Work. Ordinarily, the organizational representative should be its elected or appointed head. The Pastor and the Director of Christian Education shall be members of the Committee.

In addition to the official representatives of the organizations, there may be added three or more members who do not officially represent any organized groups. These members should be appointed by the Session, and at least one of them should be an elder.

Officers

The officers of the Church Planning Committee shall be a Chairman, who ordinarily should be an elder appointed by the Session, and a Secretary elected by the Committee.

Meetings

The Church Planning Committee should meet at least quarterly.

Duties of the Church Planning Committee

(a) To recommend plans to the Session for the total program by which the church attempts to reach its objective.

(b) To coordinate the programs of all the organizations within the local church as approved by the Session.

(c) To perform all other assignments given to the Committee by the Session.

11. That the request from the Board of Christian Education concerning the holding of Elder-Deacon-Pastor Conventions in 1956 be approved.

12. That the week November 7-14, 1954, be observed as Presbyterian Survey Week.

13. That the Calendar for 1955 be as follows:

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR—1955

January 30	Assembly's Youth Sunday
*January 30-February 6	Youth Week
*February 13	Race Relations Sunday
*February 20	Day of Prayer for Students Around the World

*February 25	World Day of Prayer
February 27-March 6	Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions
March 7-April 10	Special Evangelistic Season
April 10	Easter Sunday—Special Offering for Relief of World Need and Suffering
April 17	Assembly's Training School Day
*April 24	National Christian College Day (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges)
*May 1-8	Christian Family Week
*May 15	Rural Life Sunday
May 22	Day of Prayer for the General Assembly
May 29	Montreat Sunday
May 29	Pentecost Sunday
September 25	Rally Day
*September 25-October 1	Religious Education Week
September 26-October 23	Church Extension Season
*October 2	World-Wide Communion Sunday
*October 16	Laymen's Sunday
October 16-23	Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Church Extension
*October 30	Reformation Sunday
November 6-13	Presbyterian Survey Week—Official Presbyterian Magazine
November 13	Every Member Canvass Day
November 20	Homes
*November 25-December 25	World-Wide Bible Reading Emphasis
November 27	Evangelism Sunday
December 4-10	Church Paper Week—Independent Publications
*December 11	Universal Bible Sunday
December 18	Joy Gift for Ministerial Relief
December 25	Christmas Day
*December 25	Christian Student Sunday (Life Dedication)

*Interdenominational Days

(It is urged that whenever an emphasis on an interdenominational theme is on a date conflicting with the date of an Assembly emphasis, that those responsible for programs coordinate them to give additional strength to the Assembly emphasis.)

CALENDAR—1955

MONTHLY AND SEASONAL EMPHASES

January	
February	World Missions
March	Evangelism
April	Christian Higher Education
May	General Fund Agencies
June	
July	Christian Citizenship
August	Evangelism
September	Religious Education
October	Church Extension
November	Stewardship and the Every Member Canvass
December	Annuities and Relief

The General Assembly requests the General Council to study the possibility of changing monthly and seasonal emphasis in order to give October 1-November 15, 1956 to the promotion of Stewardship and the Every Member Canvass.

The General Assembly requests the General Council to make overtures to proper authorities looking forward to changing Race Relations' Sunday to a day that will not conflict with Scout Sunday.

14. (a) That the General Assembly approve a Sixth Quadrennial Youth Convention on the World Mission of the Church to be held at Christmas time of 1957 on some college campus to be chosen;

(b) That the General Council set up a Planning Committee for this Convention which shall represent the Boards of the Church and the organized youth groups of the Assembly;

(c) That this Planning Committee be set up in time to present Convention plans for review and approval of the General Council not later than its Spring Meeting of 1956;

(d) That the Planning Committee be instructed to work out a program that will give proper emphasis to our own Church's work at home and abroad;

(e) That organizational and promotional work in preparing for this Convention be made the special responsibility of the Board of Christian Education;

(f) That any surplus funds now held by the last Convention's Treasurer be deposited with the Board of Christian Education for use by the Planning Committee on the next Convention.

15. That the request of the Board of Christian Education for a year of emphasis for Higher Education be granted by allotting the year 1956 for this emphasis.

16. That the General Assembly adopt a program of advance for the years 1955-56-57; that the name of the program be **FORWARD WITH CHRIST**; that the program follow the outline as follows:

FORWARD WITH CHRIST

Christ—First—Now

(A three-year Program of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.)

1955	Christ our Saviour	"This I Verily Believe"	Christian Faith
1956	Christ Our Teacher	"The Household of God"	Christian Family Life
1957	Christ Our Lord	"We Are a Colony of Heaven"	Christian Citizenship

PURPOSE

This program seeks as its fundamental purpose, under God, the following aims:

1. The reconsecration of every church member to Christ as Lord and Saviour.
2. A significant increase in attendance in Sunday School, Church Worship, Monthly Meetings, Rallies and Conferences.
3. A deepening of the spiritual life and effectiveness in service of pastors, officers, and other leaders working for Christ through the Church.
4. An urgent realization that the supreme task of the Church is to lead a lost world to Christ.

GOALS

The following goals are steps toward realizing this purpose:

EVANGELISM:

Under God, an active promotion of Evangelism in all courts of the Church and a continuous program of Visitation Evangelism in each local church, looking to:

A net gain in church membership of 50,000 each year.

A definite increase in church attendance, the definite goal to be set by each congregation.

NEW CHURCHES:

Under God, an intensive effort to meet the opportunities before the Church in the South, looking to:

The establishment of two new churches each week (about double present rate).

WORLD MISSIONS:

Under God, a definite program in every local church to confront our members with their world-wide mission, looking to:

A net gain of 168 missionaries in three years.

EDUCATION:

Under God, a specific campaign to promote Family Worship in every home and to expand the teaching ministry of the local church by recruiting and by leadership training, looking to:

An increase of 50,000 in Sunday School enrollment each year.

600 new candidates for the Christian Ministry in three years.

600 new candidates for other Church Vocations in three years.

An enlarged enrollment of Presbyterian Young People in denominational colleges in preparation for Christian service.

STEWARDSHIP:

Under God, an increased emphasis upon tithing and other practices of stewardship in the development and manifestation of Christian character, to the end that:

Churches will strive to give at least 50 per cent of all annual contributions to Benevolences.

IMPLEMENTATION

This program is commended to the whole Church through its Assembly Agencies, the synods, presbyteries and local churches.

The over-all promotion is committed to the General Council.

17. In order to make the General Council a continuing body with no stated periods of rapid turnover, we recommend:

(a) That the term of office of the members-at-large of the General Council be increased from three to six years, and that no member of the General Council shall succeed himself until he has been off the Council for at least two years.

Regular election of members shall be held by the General Assembly in 1954 and thereafter on each succeeding even calendar year. Elections to fill vacancies may take place in the odd years.

(b) In order to initiate this program, the members elected in 1954 shall be members of the Class of 1960. The terms of office of the Class of 1955 shall be extended to 1956, and the terms of the present Class of 1956 shall be extended to 1958.

D. Items From the General Assembly

18. The 1953 General Assembly (see Minutes, page 105) took the following action: "That the request made of our Church to supply its proportional share of funds to defray the expenses of the Western Section on the basis of four mills per member be referred to the General Council of our Church." The General Council has carefully considered this matter and makes the following recommendation:

Since the Western Section is an obligation of the General Assembly rather than a benevolence item, we recommend that it be put back in the budget of the Office of the General Assembly effective with the 1955 budget and that in 1954 the Office of the General Assembly be asked to make up any deficit to make the receipts of this cause at least four mills per member.

19. The 1952 General Assembly adopted the report of an ad interim committee on the Presbyterian Foundation. Recommendation 4 of this report was as follows: "It is recommended that the responsibility for promotion of gifts, bequests and annuities to the Foundation be a function of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., with the instruction that it initiate as promptly as seems wise such steps as appear advisable and that it make recommendations to the next Assembly as to the methods and machinery for continued promotion as to the policy of the Assembly with regard to this agency."

This report was not brought to the attention of the Council or to the Executive Secretary until after the 1953 meeting of the Assembly. The General Council has given

this matter prolonged consideration and recommends to the General Assembly that it does not deem it feasible, because of a limited budget, pre-commitments and other causes for the General Council to promote the Presbyterian Foundation.

In connection with the above statement,

The Assembly requested the Board of Annuities and Relief and the Trustees of the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated, to make a joint study of the work of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated, looking toward the possible transfer of this Corporation to the Board of Annuities and Relief for supervision and a vigorous program of promotion in the Church. It was requested that a report, with recommendations, be presented to the 1955 General Assembly.

III. Overtures

The following recommendations are made in answer to the overtures referred to this committee:

1. With reference to overture 31 from the Synod of Tennessee, we recommend that this overture be answered by calling the attention of the Synod of Tennessee to the fact that although their plan is not an official part of the procedure of the General Council, the General Council is careful to secure such information in making its plans, and each year consults with the Stewardship Chairmen from each presbytery and synod. Therefore, the overture is answered in the negative.

2. With reference to overture 32 from the Presbytery of Nashville, we recommend that this overture be answered by commending Nashville Presbytery for its interest in church extension, but suggesting that the building of new churches can best be handled at the present time on the presbytery and synod levels. Therefore, the overture is answered in the negative.

3. With reference to overture 33 from the Presbytery of Potomac, we recommend that this overture be answered by calling the attention of the Presbytery of Potomac to the fact that the disposition of funds rests entirely in the hands of the respective boards and agencies. Therefore, the overture is answered in the negative.

We recommend that the items in the report of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union re. askings for American Bible Society and World Council of Churches be answered by reference to section II. B of this report.

IV. Nominations to the General Council

The following were nominated to serve as members of the General Council, Class of 1960, by the Permanent Committee on Nominations, and we recommend their election: Rev. E. B. McGukin, Rev. Wave H. McFadden, Rev. S. T. Harvin, Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, Rev. T. A. Fry, Mr. James Oleand, Mr. A. Walton Litz.

V. Committee Resolutions

The following recommendations were passed by the Standing Committee:

1. That Rev. Thomas A. Fry, Jr., was elected Secretary of the 1954 Standing Committee on the General Council.

2. That the Standing Committee on the General Council hereby expresses its gratitude to Rev. J. G. Patton, Executive Secretary of the General Council, and to Rev. B. S. Hodges, Jr., Associate Secretary, for their consecrated, invaluable leadership given to the Church and to the committee; and recommends that the General Assembly express its gratitude for such outstanding services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Faucette, *Chairman*
Thomas A. Fry, Jr., *Secretary*

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Standing

Committee on World Missions. The report of the Special Nominating Committee was heard. A minority report was presented and the proposed substitution was defeated. The original report of the Standing Committee concerning nominations was substituted for the report of the Special Committee, and this was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WORLD MISSIONS

The Ecumenical Idea Is Implicit in Missions

This is no regional enterprise. Its original charter, given by the Head of the Church Himself, was, "Go ye into all the world."

From this challenging word and the compulsions that it has laid upon the heart and conscience of believers has come the most significant movement of history. The Christian Church is the greatest fraternity on earth. No other fellowship in the whole story of mankind has so profoundly influenced the life of the world. None has so effectively united so many people of so many classes in so sublime a comradeship of mind and heart and action. Its vows are the most solemn, its obligations the most compelling, its code of life and honor the most exacting, its purposes the most lofty, its program the most constructive, and its consciousness of brotherhood the deepest and most joyous of all the fellowships that have drawn men together.

Missions Is Implicit in the Gospel

Since the Gospel, both by definition and by content, is the "Good News," the telling of it becomes our natural and inescapable obligation. That doctor, working in his laboratory, whose tireless research leads him one day to the remedy for some dreadful disease, is under no stronger claim of duty to share his discovery with the world than the Christian who has found the grace and power of God in the Gospel. Missions is not an elective in the curriculum of Christian activity. It is not a minor, nor yet just a major, but a maximum subject. It is an inescapable part of being a Christian.

This has not always been generally recognized by the Church in past ages nor is it universally accepted even now by the church people of our day. One still encounters here and there professed followers of Christ who appear to regard missions as an "extra" and who frankly, or even defiantly, proclaim their disinterest in any effort to carry the Christian message beyond the boundaries of their own nation or community.

Our Lord issued clear and explicit commands which have forever removed any element of doubt as to our missionary duty; but even if these directives had not been given, the Gospel by its very nature calls us to its proclamation as God's Word of hope and light to all men. Let one stand before a Christian congregation in any part of the world, whether in Europe or in Africa, in America or in Asia, and ask his hearers to choose the one verse in all the Bible which best epitomizes for them the heart and meaning of the Gospel, and the answer almost unfailingly given is John 3:16, "For God so loved *the world* . . . that *whosoever believeth* . . ." Missionary implications are so deeply imbedded in the Gospel that it is hardly possible to state it except in missionary terms.

The Gospel Is Implicit in Christ

Christ Himself *is* the Good News. This is a unique characteristic of our faith, that it centers in a person. Our Gospel is not primarily a philosophy, nor a system of thought. It is Christ, God incarnate in man, redeeming the world, living in the hearts of men and binding them to Him and to one another by the ties of loyalty and love.

Here at once is the very essence of our Christian brotherhood and the very source of the missionary impulse of the Church. Ours is the compulsion of a common allegiance, an allegiance to the most commanding personality that ever called to the hearts of men. This is the mortar that holds our spiritual edifice together and unites us in our common effort to make Him known, honored, loved and exalted in the lives of all men everywhere.

Christ, then, is the theme of this brief prologue to the Annual Report of the Board of World Missions for the year 1953, as He likewise is the theme of all that follows in this volume. This is a chronicle of the labors and strivings of His servants to introduce Him to men throughout the world. To Him in all the glory of His commanding person, let the Church renew her loyal allegiance. Never has it seemed so important to strengthen the basic fealty of our people to Christ. For other allegiances are claiming the following of men, and are bringing division and confusion into the world. The Church has no material weapons with which to meet the onslaught of these hostile forces. We have but one sure answer. We can give Christ the preeminence. We can build in the citadel of the human heart a prior loyalty that not all the legions of hell can shake. In the exalting of our one Lord we make firm the basis of our continuing partnership, both within our own communion and in the widening fellowship of others of like faith around the world.

(From preamble of report of Board of World Missions.)

The following papers were referred to this committee by the General Assembly:

1. Overture 34
2. The Yearbook and Annual Report of the Board of World Missions
3. The Minute Book of the Board of World Missions
4. The report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to the Board of World Missions and to the Board of Mission Court, Richmond, Virginia.
5. A letter from Dr. C. E. Cunningham which arrived after the Nominating Committee had completed its work requesting that his name not be placed in nomination for re-election to the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That parents and church leaders (including Church School Teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Pastors, Church College Teachers, and Seminary and Training School Professors) be urged to lay on the hearts of their young people, the continuing and dire need of the non-Christian peoples of the world for Jesus Christ, the only Saviour. Further, that they be urged to call the young people's attention to the large number of calls for new missionaries in our own denomination's World Mission Program.

2. That the World Mission Season, February 1 to March 6, 1955, be observed in all our churches as a time for church-wide dedication to the world task of Christian missions; that ministers be asked to preach on such subjects as will increase the sense of responsibility and privilege in the world-wide mission of the Church; and that the whole Church be called to earnest prayer for this effort.

3. That the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions be observed by every church in the Assembly, with its organizations, February 27-March 6, 1955; and that all Sessions be urged to arrange for supplemental offerings in the churches.

4. That all organizations—men and women of the church, church schools and youth fellowships—be urged to keep World Missions constantly before the Church, using at their time of special study the books and materials for the various age-groups prepared by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education and by the Educational Department of the Board; that the interdenominational theme for 1954-55, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, be followed, and that our churches acquaint themselves with the very important Christian work being done in those countries, as well as giving attention to the developments in our own work in the use of materials which are prepared by our Board.

5. That attendance at the World Mission Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, July 29-August 4, 1954, be urged on the men, women and young people throughout the Church, and that those who have primary responsibility for World Missions in their organizations, particularly in the Presbyteries, be especially urged to attend.

6. That the Young People's World Mission Objective to provide equipment for the High School for the West Brazil Mission be commended to all our Youth Fellowships.

7. That the Church continue to make the greatest possible use of furloughed mis-

sionaries, members of the World Mission Board and Staff, and others with special knowledge of Missions, especially ministers with experience on mission fields, as speakers and leaders in churches, schools, and conferences throughout the General Assembly.

8. That ministers throughout the Church be urged to give full cooperation to the Chairmen of World Missions in the Presbyteries in order that there may be a fuller and better coordinated program in the whole promotion of Missions in their areas.

9. That all churches, societies, and individuals assume wherever possible, definite responsibility for definite parts of the World Mission work. Further information in regard to such parts of the work may be obtained from the Definite Objects Department of the Board of World Missions.

10. That all pastors and churches be urged to keep before their members the urgent need for material relief and spiritual aid in war-torn areas of the world.

11. That collections of used clothing, blankets, etc., be made by churches at least twice a year, designated as contributions from the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and sent to Church World Service, New Windsor, Maryland; or Church World Service, 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri.

12. That attention be drawn to the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) as an authorized and recommended agency, and that members of our churches be asked to contribute foodstuffs, fibers, etc., to CROP.

13. That a special Easter offering be received for alleviating suffering and need in the name of Christ throughout the world; the funds to be administered by the Board of World Missions through its department of Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid for work not included in their budget, working cooperatively with other Protestant denominations in Church World Service, C. R. O. P., and the World Council of Churches.

14. That the Manual of the Board of World Missions be revised as follows:

(a) That the first sentence of Paragraph 139 be changed to read as follows:
"No property exceeding $1,000.00 in value is to be purchased or sold, nor any buildings erected, without the sanction of the Board."

(b) That Paragraph 142 be changed to read as follows:
"All repairs on buildings shall be included in the general estimates, and no enlargement or alteration involving expense shall be made without the concurrence of the Mission's Property Committee, and, if amounting to more than $1,000.00, the sanction of the Board."

15. That Rev. Frank Alfred Mathes, D.D., be appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. S. Hugh Bradley, Th.D., as the representative of the Board of World Missions on the General Council in the Class of 1956.

16. That the Assembly approve the Board's action in the election of the Rev. S. Hugh Bradley as Field Secretary for a term of three years.

17. That the Assembly approve the Board's action in the election of Rev. Paul B. Freeland as Secretary of Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid for a term of three years.

18. That the Assembly approve the Board's action in the election of Rev. E. L. Daniel as Candidate Secretary for a term of three years.

19. That overture 34 asking that no deduction because of other income be made from pensions to retired missionaries be referred to the Board of World Missions for decision after consultation with the Board of Annuities and Relief.

20. That the Minute Book of the Board of World Missions be approved.

21. That the secretary of Overseas Relief be requested to give information to the Church concerning unofficial and secular relief agencies, stressing the fact that these are not to be recommended as the channel through which our church people should give and that this information be published in all church papers.

22. That the Board of World Missions explore the possibility of rearranging the World Mission Season so that instead of the whole Church observing it at the same time, it may be observed by regions at different dates, so that our missionaries and leaders may be used more widely.

23. That hereafter the General Assembly's Permanent Nominating Committee be relieved from the practice of nominating Trustees for the Board of Mission Court, since this is not in its province, and that this be done by the owning and controlling bodies of Mission Court; that the Class of 1954 become the Class of 1957.

24. That the report of the Permanent Nominating Committee be received as information.

25. That the Assembly elect the following to the Board of World Missions:

To the Class of 1957

The Rev. T. Watson Street, Austin, Texas
The Rev. W. M. Elliott, Jr., Dallas, Texas
Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Montreat, N. C.
The Rev. H. E. Russell, Montgomery, Ala.
The Rev. Harry Moffett, Gastonia, N. C.
The Rev. C. H. Patterson, Bluefield, W. Va.
Mrs. Lloyd K. Boggs, Birmingham, Ala.

To the Class of 1955

Mr. Lamar Westcott, Dalton, Ga.

26. That the Assembly join the Board in expressing a sense of great loss to the cause of World Missions in the passing of Dr. T. K. Young and that it record its gratitude to God for his life, his faith and his 23 years of service as a member of our Board of World Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. STITT, *Chairman*
STEPHEN TIMBERLAKE, *Secretary*

Rev. William S. Thorington, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Thanks. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift and for His manifested presence throughout the historic Ninety-fourth meeting of the General Assembly of our beloved Church. We are conscious of the fact that this meeting was planned in prayer, opened with prayer, interspersed with prayer, and will be closed with prayer. Also we are humbly grateful for the countless prayers that were offered for this meeting by individuals and churches throughout the bounds of our Assembly.

We wish to express deep gratitude to our Moderator, Dr. Wade H. Boggs, for his efficiency and fairness in presiding over the meetings and dispatching the business of this Assembly. His unusual ability, sincerity, courtesy and keen sense of humor contributed much to the excellent spirit of the meeting. To Dr. E. C. Scott, our efficient Stated Clerk, to his capable assistant, Rev. P. J. Garrison, Jr., and to their staff of workers, we say, "Thank you for a job well done."

We are grateful for the fine Christian spirit of the commissioners demonstrating love, forbearance, understanding, tolerance and patience throughout many controversial discussions.

To Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, the Mountain Retreat Association, and Montreat College we are deeply indebted for their hospitality, entertainment and ministry to our every need and comfort. Nor would we overlook the genial young ladies who served our meals and worked overtime in serving coffee in the cafeteria. Also we deeply appreciate the staff of workers from the Department of Business Education of Montreat College, who worked so hard in mimeographing our reports.

The special music rendered by the Montreat College choir under the direction of Mr. Allan Guy, and accompanied by Miss Frances Mouzon and Miss Margaret Leech, added beauty, reverence and devotion to our worship services and popular meetings. To each of these we express our gratitude.

Further, we wish to thank Rev. Samuel W. Newell who prepared the Worship Services, and all the speakers and leaders who participated in our devotional services, popular meetings at night, and the church service Sunday morning. Mr. S. J. Patterson, Jr., and Mr. Cameron Deans rendered a signal service in the planning, training and directing the large number of Ruling Elders who served so efficiently in distributing the elements during the Communion Service.

We would call attention to the inspiring banner, ARE YOU CONCERNED FOR THE UNREACHED? which Dr. William McCorkle provided, and the two attractive displays announcing the Men's Convention to be held in New Orleans. These displays were made by Mr. Fred Dow, under the direction of Mr. Clinton Harris.

Unseen by the Assembly, but greatly appreciated by us, is the Chevrolet car which the W. H. McMurray Chevrolet Co. provided for the use of our Stated Clerk while at this meeting.

For the first time in the history of our Assembly, its entire proceedings have been recorded on tape. For this historical record, we are indebted to Dr. John M. Alexander, Mr. Fred Ohl and Mr. Harold Seawright.

And to Mr. Bluford Hestir, our Director of Publicity, and the distinguished members of the press who have given such wide publicity to the outside world of the actions of this Assembly, we extend our gratitude.

Lest we have overlooked others who have had a vital share in the life and work of this meeting, we say to one and all, "Thanks!" And in closing we look to our Heavenly Father and gratefully proclaim from the depths of our hearts, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, who binds us together in the fellowship of the furtherance of His Gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. THORINGTON, *Chairman*

The Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved.

Dr. S. J. Patterson, Jr. led the Assembly in a closing worship service, using as his theme "The Practice of Our Priesthood: Our Witness to the World."

The Assembly voted to adjourn.

The Moderator made the following pronouncement: "By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the Church, I do now declare that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States is adjourned, to convene in the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia, June 2, 1955, at 7:30 p.m."

The Moderator led in the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Wade H. Boggs, *Moderator*

E. C. Scott, *Stated Clerk.*
P. J. Garrison, Jr., *Assistant Stated Clerk.*

SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTE

After adjournment of the General Assembly the Moderator appointed the Ad Interim Committees as ordered by the General Assembly. The list will be found on page 12.

E. C. SCOTT, *Stated Clerk.*

June 15, 1954.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX I.

I. REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON OFFICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Your committee has had two meetings during the year. Both were well attended. The record of the work done by the committee is contained in the minutes which have been presented to the Standing Committee on the Office of General Assembly.

The following report is presented for your consideration:

Administration

The Office of General Assembly is administered by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. He also serves as treasurer of several accounts. The recommendations which are incorporated in the several reports below for the sake of relevancy were considered and adopted by the committee as a whole. Your committee presents, as a part of its report, the reports of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Report of Stated Clerk

Your Stated Clerk reports that all duties belonging to his office have been performed.

Report Blanks

The changes which were ordered by the last General Assembly were made in the report blanks.

Blue Book and Minutes

As usual these volumes were published and distributed in accordance with instructions of the General Assembly. The Assembly adjourned on June 9, 1953. Press work on the Minutes was completed on August 1 and mailing was begun on August 14. The supply was exhausted and many orders could not be filled. The number to be printed this year has been increased from 4,600 to 5,000.

As directed by the General Assembly at its last meeting, the statistical portion of the Minutes for the nine-month year ending December 31, 1953, has been printed separately.. The volume came from the press on April 30 and was distributed promptly.

The portion of the Minutes containing the proceedings of the 94th General Assembly can be produced within a few weeks after adjournment because the volume will not contain statistics. In view of the separate volume on statistics it will be necessary to revise the prices on the Minutes. The following recommendations are made:

To our own members the price of Part I, the proceedings of the General Assembly, will be $1.00; the price of Part II, the statistical portion, will be $2.00; when both (Parts I & II) are ordered at the same time the price will be $2.50; the price of Part III, Reports of Boards and Agencies, will be $1.00. To those outside our bounds the price of Part I will be $1.50; Part II, $3.50; Parts I & II will be $4.50; Part III will be $1.50. To non-ecclesiastical bodies the price of Part II will be $5.00.

Ministerial Directory

There is given below a complete statement which indicates the present status of this publication.

The revised edition (1951) consisted of 3,500 copies. Payment has been received for

2,548 copies so that there are fewer than 1,000 copies on hand. Condensed financial statement is as follows:

Balance brought forward, March 31, 1950	$ 392.41
Payments received, 1950-52	8,271.07
Payments received, 1952-53	541.02
Payments received, April-December, 1953	177.10
	$ 9,381.60
Expenditures:	
During 1950-51	$ 2,700.71
During 1951-52	8,859.06
During 1951-52	8,859.06
During 1952-53	220.87
During April-December, 1953	15.28
	$11,795.92
Balance due treasury of General Assembly	$ 2,414.32

MANLEY ESTATE

During the past year all payments on real estate notes have been made promptly. Acting under instructions of the Finance Division of the Permanent Committee, your Treasurer transferred $6,862.22 from the treasury of the General Assembly so as to bring the Corpus of the Estate Fund to $50,000.00. Detailed financial report of the treasurer is given below. This has been audited by Ernst and Ernst, Auditors and Accountants.

REPORT OF E. C. SCOTT, TREASURER
MANLEY ESTATE FUND
Year Ended December 31, 1953

		Corpus	Income
BALANCE—April 1, 1953:			
Cash in Bank	$ 1,300.38		
Note Receivable—Corpus Christi Presbyterian Extension Committee	25,000.00		
Marketable Securities—Cost	9,902.61		
Real Estate Notes	5,562.63		
Real Estate—Pecos County, Texas (No Assigned Value)	—o—	$41,765.62	—o—
RECEIPTS:			
Interest on Real Estate Notes		—o—	177.18
Interest on Corpus Christi Loan		—o—	750.00
Dividends From Stocks:			
Southwestern Life Insurance Co.	159.00		
General Foods Corporation	82.00		
American T. & T. Co.	135.00	—o—	376.00
Sale of Rights, A. T. & T. Co.		45.80	—o—
Mineral Rights—Sinclair		—o—	23.18
Transfer to Corpus From the Treasurer of the General Assembly		6,862.22	
		$48,673.64	$1,326.36
DISBURSEMENTS—Auditing		—o—	15.00
		$48,673.64	$1,311.36
TRANSFER OF INCOME TO CORPUS		1,311.36	1,311.36*
†BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1953		$49,985.00	—o—
Corpus at December 31, 1953, Composed of			

Cash in Bank		10,028.02
Note Receivable—Corpus Christi		25,000.00
Marketable Securities—at Cost		
(Aggregate Quoted Prices)	$14,103.50	
Southwestern Life Insurance Co.		
106 Shares Common	4,951.25	
General Foods Corporation		
40 Shares Common	1,054.66	
American T. & T. Co.		
20 Shares Common	3,096.70	9,902.61
Real Estate Notes:		
O. C. Butts	201.85	
P. J. Garrison, Jr.	4,064.75	
Aubrey A. McAbee	787.77	5,054.37
Real Estate—undivided interest in 440 acres in Pecos County, Texas (No Value Assigned to This Asset)		—o—
TOTAL		$49,985.00

*Indicates red figures.

†Additional $15.00 will be transferred next year in order to bring the total to $50,000.

It is recommended that the assets of the Manley Estate be transferred to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., and that restriction be made as ordered by the General Assembly that proceeds from said fund be paid to the office of General Assembly.

Report of E. C. Scott, Treasurer

General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U. S.

The balance in the treasury on December 31, 1953, was $22,334.13. This amount includes $5,206.64, balance of a fund set aside by order of the 1951 General Assembly (Page 89) for expenses of our delegates to the World Presbyterian Alliance and the World Council of Churches. Therefore, the real balance is $17,127.49. It is estimated that the amount which will be necessary to finance the printing and distribution of the Plan of Union is approximately $7,000.00. Also, the expense of moving to the Center and purchasing additional equipment has entailed a total expenditure of about $700. This will reduce the balance to a little under $10,000. In view of the need for a firm working balance we recommend that the per capita tax remain 13 cents. Also, we recommend that the budget for the General Assembly for 1954 be $108,000.00. The total amount available for the year 1954 is estimated to be approximately $122,000.00

The budget fixed by the Assembly for the nine-month year was $92,500.00. After deducting the net amount of $1,709.65 paid to the Historical Foundation and $407.85 advanced as a loan to the new Presbyterian Survey Board, the total of expenditures was $92,358.84, an amount slightly under the budget.

The temporary committee on the Office of the General Assembly recommended to the 1950 General Assembly (Minutes, p. 94) that the Manley Estate be rebuilt to $50,000 from surplus receipts of per capita tax. This recommendation was referred to the new Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for final action.

In view of the fact that the treasury of the General Assembly has received a total of $13,251.01 from the Manley Estate since 1947, and, further, since the budget for the past year at last made it possible to carry out the recommendation of 1950, the Finance Division directed the Treasurer of the General Assembly to transfer $6,862.22 to the Manley Estate. This is just a little more than half of the amount received from the Estate.

The detailed report is as follows:

SUMMARY OF CASH TRANSACTIONS
FUND OF TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From April 3, 1953, to December 31, 1953

BALANCE IN BANK—April 3, 1953			$ 16,579.09
RECEIPTS:			
From Presbyteries—1953 Assessments		$92,169.62	
Sale of Publications:			
Minutes and Reports	$ 819.19		
Blue Books	53.50		
Plan of Union	842.87		
Ministerial Directory	177.10	1,892.66	
Refund From Equalization Fund—			
Historical Foundation		4,390.70	
Refund—Ad Interim Commission on Publication		1,342.58	
Refund—Board C. E., Printing		27.97	99,823.53
			$116,402.62
EXPENDITURES			
Expense of Assembly Meetings: Travel	20,768.55		
Entertainment	8,962.39		
Other	580.87	$30,311.81	
Publications and Printing:			
Minutes (4,600 copies):			
Printing	$7,128.00		
Distribution	818.79	7,946.79	
Blue Books (700)		687.27	
Plan of Union		1,190.49	
Volume of Reports		1,142.36	
Ministerial Directory		15.28	
Handbook (Richmond)		104.79	
Printing Amendments		92.03	11,179.01
Committee Expenses:			
Permanent Committees		5,511.57	
Ad Interim Committees		2,527.97	8,039.54
Advances to Survey Board			407.85
Appropriations: Historical Foundation		5,692.50	
Min. & His Wk., Sec. Office		11,568.34	17,260.84
Rep. to & from Other Bodies			553.42
Exp. of Moderator			1,702.52
Travel: S. C. & Asst.			187.84
Transf. to Manley Estate			6,862.22
			$76,505.05
Exp.: Office of Stated Clerk and Treasurer:			
Salary, Stated Clerk		5,100.00	
Manse Allowance, Stated Clerk		900.00	
Salary, Asst. S. C.		4,125.00	
Manse Allowance Asst. S. C.		900.00	
Salary: Office Secretary		2,250.00	

Rent	1,274.00		
Dues: M. A.F., S.S., Ins., Hosp.	1,095.44		
Equipment & Supplies	1,174.13		
Telephone and Telegraph	334.15		
Postage	343.74		
Auditing	55.00		
Exchange on Checks	6.98		
Sundry	5.00	17,563.44	94,068.49
BALANCE IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1953			$ 22,334.13

REPORT OF E. C. SCOTT, TREASURER
GENERAL FUND AGENCIES AND INTERCHURCH AGENCIES

A leaflet and poster were prepared and printed in quantity sufficient to supply all demands. It is contemplated that the administrative budget of $5,000 fixed by the General Assembly for 1954 will be adequate.

The Budget Committee of the General Council requested your Treasurer to present a statement as to the amount that would be needed for administering the General Fund during 1955. The amount suggested was $6,700.

The detailed report follows:

THE GENERAL FUND
April 7, 1953 - January 15, 1954

BALANCE IN BANK—April 7, '53				$ 6,181.46
RECEIPTS				
G. A. for Historical Foundation			632.24	
Chs., Ch. Orgs., Indiv.:				
Undesignated		$339,085.11		
Designated		10,472.96		
		$349,558.07		
Less:				
Refunds	$ 523.02			
Adjustments	502.47	1,025.49	348,532.58	349,164.82
TOTAL RECEIPTS				$355,346.28

DISBURSEMENTS:

	Regular Distributions	*Special Distributions*	*Total*
A. T. S.	$ 92,661.10	$ 309.00	$ 92,970.10
General Council	62,006.30	—o—	62,006.30
Women's Work	76,044.81	—o—	76,044.81
Montreat	52,670.52	1,688.35	54,358.87
American Bible Society	14,979.05	—o—	14,979.05
Historical Foundation	10,450.50	—o—	10,450.50
Stillman College	39,552.72	1,314.00	40,866.72
	$348,365.00	$ 3,111.35	$351,676.35

Expenses of Treasurer's Office:		
Salary—Bookkeeper and Typist	$ 2,250.00	
Office Rent	377.60	
Printing	310.19	
Promotion	93.91	
Employees Annuities	90.00	

Auditing	55.00		
Office Supplies and Incidentals	50.95		
Exchange on Checks	44.18		
Group Insurance	42.08		
Social Security Taxes	33.79		
Postage	27.30	3,375.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			$355,051.35
Balance in Bank January 15, 1954			$ 294.93

INTERCHURCH AGENCIES

RECEIPTS			
Contributions From Churches, Church Organizations, and Individuals			$13,268.69
DISBURSEMENTS			
National Council of Churches	$ 5,673.84		
World Council of Churches	4,009.82		
Western Section, Alliance of Reformed Churches	2,234.30		
The Lord's Day Alliance of U. S.	564.64		
Religion in American Life	564.64	$13,047.24	
Expense:			
Printing of Literature		221.45	13,268.69
BALANCE AT JANUARY 15, 1954			—o—

EQUALIZATION FUND

RECEIPTS			
Board of World Missions	$ 92,366.57		
Board of Church Extension	39,569.55		
Board of Annuities and Relief	24,285.23		
Board of Christian Education	17,213.13		
Assembly's Training School	5,052.97		
Mountain Retreat Association	3,423.10		
Stillman College	3,272.98		
General Council	2,798.42		
Board of Women's Work	2,674.33		
Historical Foundation	824.63		$191,480.91
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Board of Church Extension		87,050.60	
Board of Women's Work		19,613.70	
Assembly's Training School		33,703.10	
General Council		20,457.92	
Mountain Retreat Association		10,372.34	
Board of Christian Education		11,656.00	
Stillman College		4,236.55	187,090.21
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS			4,390.70
Less Allocation to Fund of Treasurer of the General Assembly—Note B			4,390.70
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1953			$ —o—

Note A—Amounts shown are based on receipts applicable to the Church period from April 1, 1952, to December 31, 1953.

Note B—Represents refund of advances to the Historical Foundation.

BLANKET BOND

In accordance with instructions of the General Assembly a Blanket Bond has been issued which covers all employees who have any financial responsibility in all of the Agencies of our General Assembly. This bond is deposited in the Office of the General Assembly.

DIGEST OF THE MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY

The material covering the years 1945-1953 inclusive for a supplement to the DIGEST OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY has been prepared in the office of the Assembly. The Permanent Committee is exploring ways and means whereby this material may be printed and made available to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX B. GEAR, *Chairman*
RALPH E. WILGUS, *Secretary*

II. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES

1. Annual Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in Session at Montreat, N. C., May 27, 1954.

Your trustees respectfully submit their Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954.

The regular business of the Board has been carried on in the usual manner during the year, which consists of the handling of legacies, collecting income on investments and paying out the income in accordance with the terms of the different wills, receiving payments on notes, making new loans, and buying and selling securities. Details will be found in the Financial Report, which is made a part of this report. The Trust Department of the Commercial National Bank, Charlotte, N. C., is handling all financial matters pertaining to the Presbyterian Foundation. The Trustees are accepting a certified statement of our financial condition from the Commercial National Bank in lieu of our annual auditor's report.

New Legacies and Annuity Bonds:

W. H. McElwee, North Wilkesboro, N. C.—$1,000 addition received in December, 1953 —to be added to his legacy, making a total of $5,000.00

Vinton Pace, Orlando, Fla.—Purchased an annuity bond of $3,000.00 in January, 1952. He died in March of 1953. This bond therefore is now a legacy, income from which will be distributed to beneficiaries, which are one third each to the Board of Church Extension Board of World Missions and Board of Christian Education.

James E. O'Kelley, Natchez, Miss.—Purchased an annuity bond of $1,000.00 on October 29, 1953. The beneficiary of this bond was not named.

We now have the proceeds of 37 legacies totaling $766,520.42 and annuity bonds of $19,700.00. The Trustees also have general reserve funds of $16,686.27 and unexpended legacy income balances of $49,604.38. The Trustees have invested these funds as follows: U. S. Government Bonds $82,895.98, Corporation Bonds $250,353.50, Preferred Stocks $66,340.38, Common Stocks $190,948.00, First Mortgage Notes $220,368.62 and cash and other assets on hand April 1, 1954, $41,568.59.

The Trustees have endeavored to increase the income to be distributed to the beneficiaries while at the same time insuring the soundness of the investments. In this respect $120,999.59 of the stocks and bonds were sold during the year and $86,496.97 in securities were purchased. $115,128.57 in first mortgage notes were collected, while $157,-150.00 in new loans were made. The Trustees employ the United Investment Counsel of Boston, Mass., as their consultant on investments. These changes of investments have resulted in the following relationship as to bonds, stocks and mortgages:

	3-31-53	*3-31-54*
Real Estate Mortgages	22.00	27.17

Bonds	42.65	41.10
Preferred Stock	19.97	8.18
Common Stocks	15.38	23.55
	100.00%	100.00%

These changes in investment have resulted in a substantial percentage increase in legacy income, shown by the following comparison:

	Year ended 3-31-'53	*Year ended 3-31-'54*
Gross Income	$30,579.65	$33,692.95
Percentage to Legacies	3.98	4.29
Net income after direct charges	26,796.87	29,842.18
Percentage to Legacies	3.49	3.80

In addition to the above, income which was earned on investments made directly by the Trustees, income was also received from Louisville Trust Company, Louisville, Kentucky, which handles the John Sutton Legacy, in the amount of $363.88, and from the R. A. Dunn Legacy, which is administered by the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., in the amount of $5,332.06.

Legacy income in the amount of $27,917.49 was distributed to beneficiaries during the year and annuities of $1,117.80 were paid. This leaves a balance of $49,604.38 legacy income, which is distributable to various beneficiaries. The Theresa Mumford Memorial accumulated a balance of $34,326.60 and the E. D. Latta Memorial Fund balance of $9,744.29, which constitute the majority of this fund. The Theresa Mumford Memorial Fund continues to accumulate funds faster than can be distributed. This fund, which aids white orphan children of Brantley County, Georgia, received $7,254.04 and disbursed $1,360.00 during the year. The E. D. Latta Memorial Fund distributed $10,143.00 for aid to ministerial students for the year.

Income and Expenses for operating purposes—

The regular income of the Trustees for operating expenses is derived from a tax of 5% on the total income from the investment of Legacy Funds from two legacies.

Members whose terms expire:

The terms of the following members expire with the 1954 meeting of the Assembly:

(All three Trustees eligible for re-election)

Rev. Chester Frist
Mr. A. Walton Litz
Mr. L. L. Rose

Officers of the Board:

The Officers of your Board are as follows: T. S. McPheeters, President; Ivey W. Stewart, Vice President; F. L. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Attention is called to the fact that all of the regular causes of the Church are receiving income regularly from funds in the hands of the Trustees, and we are also paying income regularly to Assembly Training School, Union Theological Seminary, one college, three orphanages, one Synod, three Presbyteries, five local churches and one church paper.

The financial report can give other pertinent information as to the source and distribution of funds and the financial position of the organization.

T. S. McPHEETERS, *President*

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 1954

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on Hand	$ 37,584.60	*Annuity Bonds*	
		Total Outstanding	$ 19,700.00
Investments		*Legacies*	766,520.42
First Mortgage		Abernethy	$ 3,000.00
Notes	$220,368.62	Adger	32,815.47

Bonds	333,249.48	
Preferred Stocks	66,340.38	
Common Stocks	190,948.00	
		810,906.48
Interest Recoverable		2,413.22
Annuities paid in excess of income earned as follows:		
Bal. 1953	$1,295.42	
Bal. 1954	1,117.80	
	$2,413.22	
Due from Expense Account		1,398.33
Furniture and Fixtures		208.44
		$852,511.07

Alexander	5,000.00
Bartz	7,015.93
Chambers	2,000.00
Crane, DeWitt	12,500.00
Crane, J.	25,407.56
Davies	7,217.86
Eakle	12,103.62
Fitzgerald	6,758.50
Flinn	6,658.37
Gibson	1,000.00
Gilchrist	2,000.00
Gilkeson	1,887.21
Gresham	5,000.00
Guthrie	1,500.00
Hubbell	2,250.00
James	600.00
Johnston	1,640.29
Knox	17,767.90
Kyle	1,000.00
Latta	245,085.67
McConnell	4,239.02
McElwee	5,000.00
McMillan	52,404.50
Moore	500.00
Pace	3,000.00
Parkhurst	192,597.15
Patterson	1,800.00
Sawtell	38,278.20
Sherrill	56,000.00
Smith	4,249.19
Sydenstricker	3,781.06
Tuttle	4,106.05
Walker	400.00
White	500.00
Workman	5,550.01
Legacies	$772,613.56
Less loss on sale of securities not prorated	6,093.14
	$766,520.42

Reserve Account	
General Reserves	16,666.27
Miscellaneous Gifts	20.00
Unexpended Funds	
Kenley Memorial	221.14
Latta Memorial	9,744.29
Blowing Rock Youth	5,035.31
Mumford Memorial	34,326.60
McElwee Fund	223.04
Care Workman Grave	50.00
Call Legacy	4.00
	$852,511.07

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. McPheeters, *President*

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION, INC.

Receipts from April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954

Cash in Bank April 1, 1953		$ 37,645.33
Principal:		
Notes Receivable Collected		115,128.57
Securities Sold or Redeemed		120,999.59
Cash Additions to Legacies		2,000.00
Other Items:		
Expenses Account Receipts	$2,293.11	
Less Transfer from Other Funds	1,986.50	306.61
Other Legacy Income:		
Dunn and Sutton Legacies		5,695.94
Income from Legacy Investment and Annuity Inxestments:		
Abernethy	113.10	
Adger	1,236.06	
Alexander	188.30	
Bartz	264.10	
Chambers	75.20	
Crane, DeWitt	470.91	
Crane, Josephine	957.04	
Davies	271.86	
Eakle	455.99	
Fitzgerald	254.56	
Flinn	250.68	
Gibson	37.60	
Gilchrist	75.50	
Gilkeson	71.03	
Gresham	188.31	
Guthrie	56.40	
Hubbell	84.75	
James	22.68	
Johnston	61.77	
Knox	669.36	
Kyle	37.60	
Latta	9,231.08	
McConnell	159.66	
McElwee	188.31	
McMillan	1,973.76	
Moore	18.80	
Parkhurst	7,254.04	
Patterson	67.74	
Sawtell	1,441.68	
Sherrill	2,109.25	
Smith	159.95	
Sydenstricker	142.35	
Tuttle	154.58	
Walker	15.22	
White	18.80	
Workman	209.19	
Pace	113.10	
Annuities:		
Norton	75.50	
Hill	188.30	
Rogers	26.26	
Barkee	225.91	
Gilmour	188.30	

O'Kelley	37.60	
United Invest. Counsel	1,200.00	
Amortization on Bonds	566.12	
Custodian Fee	400.00	
5% Handling Charge	1,684.65	
	33,692.95	
Less Undistributed Legacy Income	82.72	
	$33,610.23	33,610.23
		$315,386.27

Disbursements from April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954

Loans Made	$157,150.00	
Stocks Purchased	86,496.97	243,646.97
Annuity Interest Paid	1,117.80	
Investment Counsel Fee	1,200.00	
Securities Custodian Fee	400.00	2,717.80
Accounting Services and Expenses	2,000.00	
Office Salaries	575.00	
Office Rent	438.00	
Annual Meeting Expense	363.71	
Telephone	70.67	
Office Supplies	33.64	
Printing	12.50	
Safe Deposit Box Rent	12.00	
Miscellaneous	13.89	3,519.41

Board of World Missions

Abernethy, J. R.	$ 56.55	
Adger, Susan D.	1,236.06	
Crane, DeWitt	98.09	
Eakle, H. P.	455.99	
Flinn, H. W.	83.56	
Gibson, Elizabeth	37.60	
Gilchrist, Peter S.	37.75	
Gilkeson, F. H.	35.52	
Gresham, Bessie	94.16	
Guthrie, William	56.40	
Johnston, Thos. P.	30.89	
Knox, Kate M.	334.68	
Kyle, Fannie M.	37.60	
McMillan, John	592.13	
Sawtell, J. B.	807.34	
Sherrill, J. E.	150.60	
Sutton, John	90.97	
Dunn, R. A.	938.45	5,174.34

Board of Church Extension

Crane, DeWitt	$ 98.09	
Flinn, H. W.	83.56	
Gilkeson, F. H.	35.51	
Gresham, Bessie	94.15	

Johnston, Thos. P.	30.88	
McMillan, John	394.75	
Moore, Wm.	18.80	
Sawtell, J. B.	432.50	
Sherrill, J. E.	188.36	
Sutton, John	90.97	
Dunn, R. A.	530.01	1,997.58

Board of Annuities and Relief

Flinn, H. W.	$ 41.78	
Hubbell, Frederick B.	84.75	
McConnell, T. J.	79.83	
Sawtell, J. B.	201.84	
Sherrill, J. E.	75.30	
Smith, Charlotte A.	79.98	
Tuttle, R. M.	77.29	
White, W. S.	9.40	
Dunn, R. A.	150.36	
Sutton, John	90.96	891.49

Board of Christian Education

Flinn, H. W.	$ 41.78	
McConnell, T. J.	79.83	
Sherrill, J. E.	75.30	
Smith, Charlotte	79.97	
Tuttle, R. M.	77.29	
White, W. S.	9.40	
Dunn, R. A.	195.15	
Sutton, John	90.98	649.70

Home Missions—Concord Presbytery

Abernethy, J. R.	56.55	
Knox, Kate M.	334.68	391.23

Christian Education—Meckenburg Presbytery

Alexander, S. P.	188.30	188.30

Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church

Chambers, Florence	75.20	75.20

General Assembly Training School

Crane, Josephine	957.04	
Crane, DeWitt	98.09	1,055.13

Presbyterian Orphans' Home—Lynchburg, Va.

Crane, DeWitt	78.55	78.55

Tunstall, Va. Church

Davies, Samuel	271.86	271.86

Home Missions in East Hanover Presbytery

Fitzgerald, Elizabeth	254.56	254.56

Stockton, Ala. Presbyterian Church

McMillan, John	592.13	592.13

Presbyterian Home for Children—Talladega, Ala.		
McMillan, John	394.75	394.75
Mt. Horeb, Va. Presbyterian Church		
Patterson, Wm.	67.74	67.74
Presbyterian Orphans' Home—Barium Springs, N. C.		
Sherrill, J. E.	75.30	75.30
Home Missions in Missouri		
Sydenstricker, Isaac	71.17	71.17
Foreign Mission Special—For Some Minister in Africa—Board of World Missions		
Sydenstricker, Isaac	35.59	35.59
Presbyterian Station—Chinkiang, China—Board of World Missions		
Sydenstricker, Isaac	35.59	35.59
Augusta, Va. Stone Church		
Walker, Hannah M.	15.22	15.22
Centre College		
Workman, Wm.	164.19	164.19
General Fund of the Presbyterian Church		
Dunn, R. A.	302.87	302.87
Inter-Church Agencies		
Dunn, R. A.	15.99	15.99
Southern Presbyterian Journal		
Dunn, R. A.	1,066.41	1,066.41
Negro Youth Work—Charlotte		
Dunn, R. A.	1,174.80	1,174.80
White Orphan Girls—Brantley County, Ga.	1,360.00	1,360.00
Youth Work—Blowing Rock	500.00	500.00
Workman Grave, Ky.	400.00	400.00
Ministerial Student—Asheville Presbytery	950.00	950.00
Union Theological Seminary	9,667.80	9,667.80
Balance in Bank March 31, 1954		37,584.60
		$315,386.27

REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS, INC.

In September, 1953 the General Assembly's Training School began its fortieth year of service to the Church. The enrollment of students has numbered exactly 100, of whom five have been men. Sixty-one of the students are college graduates and thirty-nine undergraduates. The students have come from twenty states and three foreign countries, Korea, Germany and Brazil.

New Administration Building

The session opened in the newly completed Administration Building for which a special service of dedication was held on November 19, 1953. The building was erected without debt at a total cost of about $300,000. The attractive and convenient facilities of this new building are giving great satisfaction to faculty, staff and students.

Property

A professor's residence at 1210 Palmyra was completed in the late summer at a cost of $27,079.00 and is occupied by Professor Robert F. Boyd and his family. At the back of the lot a spacious double garage was built for use by both Dr. Boyd and Dr. Boggs.

Having sufficient funds in hand to do so, endeavor was made during the summer to put the school property in good condition. Most of the interior of Watts Hall was repainted, and the houses occupied by Dr. Carmichael and Dr. Sydnor were redecorated. Extensive plumbing and heating repairs and improvements were made in the house at 3505 Brook Road, and in the houses occupied by Dr. Boggs and Dr. Carmichael.

Other improvements on the campus were made as follows: resurfacing the driveway, repairing a brick walk, and laying a new walk from Watts Hall to Brook Road.

The M. P. Möller Company has installed in the chapel a very fine pipe organ at a cost of $18,505.00, with additional installation costs bringing the total to $20,170.40.

Special Gifts

Two memorial scholarships have been added during the year. The Margaret T. Russell Memorial Scholarship Fund was set up by the Women of the Government Street Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama in memory of Mrs. Russell who, for twenty years, served as the Extension Bible Teacher for the General Assembly's Training School. The original gift, from the Business Women's Circle, is to be added to from time to time until the annual income is sufficient to provide a scholarship.

Last April the Women of the Church in the Presbytery of New Orleans sent $1,086.57 to be set up as the Myra Driscoll Memorial Scholarship Fund, with the intimation that this Fund would be augmented from time to time by additional gifts from the Women of the Presbytery.

Assembly's Training School Auxiliary

The Assembly's Training School Auxiliary, a movement initiated about three years ago by a group of leaders in East Hanover Presbytery, who desired to secure wider interest in and support for the Training School, has made steady growth and now has a membership of 981. Membership is attained by simply signing an enrollment card and making an annual contribution of $1 or more. Through funds contributed by members two projects have been completed for the benefit of the school. The first project, refurnishing the school infirmary, has resulted in better equipment and more comfortable and convenient facilities for the nurse and the students. The second project, renovating the lounges in Watts and Virginia Halls, has resulted in more comfortable and attractive gathering places for the A. T. S. family and their guests and visitors to the school.

Faculty and Staff

Last May Dr. Henry Wade DuBose requested the Board of Trustees to look for a new president as he wished to retire at such time during the year as his successor could be secured and be ready to take over the work. On November 19, 1953 the Board elected as president, Rev. Charles E. S. Kraemer, D.D. of Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Kraemer stated his readiness to assume the presidency on February 1, 1954, and consequently Dr. DuBose retired as of January 31, 1954.

The retirement of Dr. O. E. Buchholz last June, followed by the resignation of Miss Hazel Shaw, left the school without an assistant treasurer or financial secretary. Mrs. George Hunter is serving as financial secretary on a temporary basis until a more permanent arrangement can be made.

Summer School for 1954

Under the leadership of Dean Patrick H. Carmichael, who is also Director of the Summer Session, a two weeks summer school has been announced for August 2-13,

with courses to be offered in Bible, religious education, religious drama and church music, taught by outstanding leaders in these fields.

Board of Trustees

The Board is presently constituted as follows:

	Term Expires
Rev. W. E. Crane, Th.D., Charleston, W. Va.	1954
Mr. William R. Gardner, Richmond, Va.	1954
Mr. William R. Hill, Richmond, Va.	1954
Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D.D., Dunedin, Fla.	1954
Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, D.D., Richmond, Va.	1954
Mrs. Donald W. Richardson, Richmond, Va.	1954
Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, Th.D., Beckley, W. Va.	1954
Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Sr., D.D., Atlanta, Ga.	1955
Mrs. Paul K. Buckles, Newport News, Va.	1955
Mrs. Julian B. Hutaff, Fayetteville, N. C.	1955
Rev. Frederick H. Olert, D.D., Richmond, Va.	1955
Rev. Philip A. Roberts, Th.M., Fredericksburg, Va.	1955
Rev. James Sprunt, D.D., Raleigh, N. C.	1955
Mrs. J. N. Thomas, Richmond, Va.	1955
Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, D.D., Atlanta, Ga.	1956
Rev. E. S. Campbell, Th.D., Tampa, Fla.	1956
Mrs. F. R. Crawford, Farmville, Va.	1956
Judge M. Ray Doubles, Richmond, Va.	1956
Rev. C. Darby Fulton, D.D., Nashville, Tenn.	1956
Miss Janie W. McCutchen, Atlanta, Ga.	1956
Mr. H. H. Wood, Harrisonburg, Va.	1956

Judge M. Ray Doubles is president of the Board; Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, vice-president; Mr. H. H. Wood, secretary; and Mr. Wm. R. Hill, treasurer.

It is reported for the information of the General Assembly that the terms of service of the members of the Board of Trustees in the class of 1954, listed above, expire at this meeting of the General Assembly.

Graduating Class

The senior class of 1954 is composed of 50 members, 26 of whom are candidates for a master's degree and 13 for a bachelor's degree.

Finances

The School has met its current obligations without deficit. Its balance sheet shows an increase in total assets of $115,357.73 during the past year.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS, INC.

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER, 1953

ASSETS

CURRENT FUND ASSETS:

Cash on hand	$	53.89
Cash on deposit		51,598.19
Auxiliary Fund—Cash on deposit		1,222.33
Dep. Reserve (for Repairs and Replace.)		
Cash on deposit		21,646.85
Investments		
Deferred charges		1,000.00
	$	75,521.26

PLANT FUND ASSETS:		
Land and Buildings	$887,244.60	
Furniture and Fixtures	54,421.50	
		941,666.14
STUDENT LOAN AND SPECIAL FUND:		
Cash on deposit	$ 4,765.34	
Investments	3,000.00	
Student Loans	1,038.84	
		8,804.18
SCHOLARSHIP FUND ASSETS:		
Cash on deposit	$ 12,984.31	
Investments	18,487.83	
Income		
		31,472.14
BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
Cash on deposit	$117,176.41	
Investments	16,338.68	
		113,515.09
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EQUIPMENT FUND ASSETS:		
Cash on deposit	$ 2,874.43	
		2,874.43
PERMANENT FUND ASSETS:		
Cash—Uninvested Principal	$64,043.16	
Unapplied Income	7,000.00	
	$ 71,043.16	
Investments	818,243.17	
		889,286.33
TOTAL		$2,083,139.57

LIABILITIES

CURRENT FUND LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS:		
Accounts Payable	$ 1,511.59	
Medical Fee	20.00	
Deferred Income—Students' room and board	8,239.88	
Deferred Income—Grant from Foundation		
Auxiliary Fund	1,222.33	
Depreciation Reserve (for Repairs and Replace.)	21,646.85	
Hospitalization	5.70	
Surplus	42,874.91	
		$ 75,521.26
PLANT FUND LIABILITY AND ASSET:		
Surplus	$941,666.14	
		941,666.14

STUDENT LOAN AND SPECIAL FUND:		
Student Loan Fund	$ 8,640.46	
Library Fund	163.72	
		8,804.18
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	$ 31,472.14	
		31,472.14
BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND	$133,515.09	
		133,515.09
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EQUIPMENT FUND	$ 2,874.43	
		2,874.43

PERMANENT FUNDS:	Principal Balances	Income Balances
Endowment Accounts:		
General	$ 67,264.88	
Brown	50,000.00	
Department of Children's Work	3,150.00	
Morrison Fund—President Ch.	120,000.00	
Sara E. Morrison (Maintenance)	10,000.00	
Professors Chairs	100,000.00	
Edmonia W. Saunders	1,000.00	
Martin R. Turnbull	123,341.98	
Elliott Fund	11,732.61	
Williamson	200,115.48	
Plant Maintenance	100,000.00	
Scholarship Endowment:		
General	8,902.49	
Brattan	5,000.00	
Caldwell Memorial	975.00	
DeWitt Crane	1,000.00	
Myra Driscoll Memorial	1,086.57	
Hagood Memorial	5,400.00	
Emma Harris	2,500.00	
Mamie Heard	3,000.00	
Georgia Hewson	1,106.35	
Alice Johnson	2,000.00	
N. Lancaster Loan (Est.)	500.00	
Rowena McMillan	1,151.00	
Morris Memorial	517.25	
Phillips — Texas	3,000.00	
R. Puckett Memorial	1,670.29	
M. Russell Memorial	110.00	
Stowe	10,000.00	
Amelia R. Turnbull	4,000.00	
Nell and Julia K. Wallace	500.00	
Alice J. Weisner Memorial	1,000.00	
Julia Craig Young	2,000.00	
	$842,023.90	
Reserve	8,089.29	
Natalie Lancaster Memorial	125.00	
Total	$850,238.19	$6,033.56

Stebbins	32,048.14	966.44	
	$882,286.33	$7,000.00	
TOTAL			$ 889,286.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND FUND BALANCES			$2,083,139.57

RECOMMENDATIONS (See pages 70, 71)

Respectfully submitted,

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL
FOR LAY WORKERS, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
H. H. Wood, *Secretary*

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3. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF STILLMAN COLLEGE

The Assembly short year was a history-making one for this institution.

I. Campaign Success

Within this nine months period came the successful campaign for Presbyterian Negro Work, which when all of the pledges are paid will net an excess of a million dollars to Stillman. This will double its physical and financial assets and will add many facilities which are urgently needed.

To date, after the expenses were met, the college has received a total distribution of $310,820.31. By a ruling of the Board of Trustees one out of every three dollars received up to $600,000.00 is to be added to endowment. This procedure is being followed and to date, over $100,000.00 has already been added to endowment. The offer of the grant conditional upon the Church raising $900,000.00 for Stillman by January 1, 1956, before which time all pledges are to be paid, will add another $100,000.00 to endowment and with the $200,000.00 explained above, will give a total endowment increase of $300,000.00.

Under construction is a residence for sixty women students, while that of an annex to the men's dormitory, and also the erection of a library building will begin as soon as the architects complete the plans.

An encouraging part of the campaign was the endorsement received from the Tuscaloosa community. The Presbyterian churches of Tuscaloosa over doubled their quotas, pledging in excess of $11,000.00, and in addition to this the president was honored with a "Stillman Appreciation" breakfast, which was the "kick-off" of a community campaign. At this breakfast were fifty-six of the leading business and professional men. During this campaign over $15,000.00 was raised, and designated for the purpose of paving the campus streets and sidewalks. This means that Stillman literally will "get out of the mud."

II. Accreditation

Of equal and perhaps greater importance than the success of the campaign to the progress of this work, and yet the direct fruit of it, was the achievement of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. A crisis had been reached which without accreditation would have been harmful in consequence. This action by the accrediting body came in December, after a study had been made by its committee which visited the campus in October. It was heartening to receive the commendation of the committee in so many areas. Perhaps that which made the greatest impression upon the committee of four educators, was the spirit on the campus, and campus and community relationship.

In 1951 the first degrees were awarded to those who had completed the work of the four years college, and three years later, in 1954, the graduates will be presented

diplomas from a standard four year accredited college. This is an amazing record, credit for which should go to the whole Church. It is anticipated that as a consequence of accreditation, both the quantity and the quality of students entering will increase. It also insures teacher certification for graduates, and enables the college to qualify for the training of Korean war veterans.

III. Additions to Faculty

This year marked the coming of Reverend A. C. Winn. Since the establishment of the "Janie W. McGaughey Chair of Bible," made possible by the 1952 birthday offering of the Women of the Church, Mr. Winn had been under appointment. His coming has been a real blessing to the whole college. In addition to his duties as Chairman of the Division of Bible and Religious Education, Mr. Winn is teaching a class in New Testament Greek for those who expect to enter the ministry. Other additions to the faculty have been Mrs. Donald Ecroyd, voice; Dr. J. S. Pancake, history; Dr. R. H. Van Voorhis, Business; and Professor W. H. Edwards, Science. One of our instructors, Professor Irving Lo, received his doctorate in English from the University of Wisconsin during the year. The faculty has been organized into five divisions with a chairman for each.

IV. Student Body

Our student body is smaller this year due to the difficulty that our graduates were having in some localities concerning teacher certification. As mentioned above, we feel that now, accreditation having been achieved, this should change for the better. Most of the decrease came from day students; the boarding students still holding up to capacity and crowded. The registration by classes is as follows:

Freshmen	81
Sophomore	76
Seniors	29
Juniors	42
Special	2
Total Enrollment	230

Of this total, there are fifty-one men and one hundred and seventy-nine women. Representation of boarding students by states is as follows:

Alabama	50
Mississippi	12
Tennessee	12
Texas	11
Georgia	7
Florida	6
Louisiana	6
North Carolina	6
Total Boarding Students	103

All of the states covered by our Church are represented with the exception of Maryland and Oklahoma. Last year the total registration was slightly in excess of three hundred students.

This has been the best year as to the spirit of the student body, and in the enthusiasm with which the students entered into the religious activities of the campus and community. This made a profound impression upon the visitation committee.

V. Scholarships

We would call the attention of the whole Church to its opportunity of furthering this work by sponsoring and assisting students to get a Christian education, by giving them scholarships to Stillman. A considerable number are doing so already. For instance, one synodical gives three scholarships of $350.00 each for this purpose. One Christian layman is paying all of the expenses for two students and has expressed his intentions of adding to the number each year. Bible classes and Presbyterials, local Women of the Church, Youth Fellowships of presbyteries and synods are some of those who are

making it possible for many of our finest students to train to become Christian leaders.

With the addition of our residence and academic facilities, we are going to be able to accommodate a considerably larger number, and we hope that this opportunity may fire the consecrated imagination and seize the conscience of all parts of the Church. In the event that it is impossible to find a youth in one's own community to sponsor, it is possible that funds can be furnished the college to defray all or part of the expenses of a student whom the college would designate as beneficiary.

VI. Trustees

The college was greatly strengthened by the action of the last Assembly in increasing the number of its trustees. Few colleges are more blessed in the ability and consecration of its official board. They are:

Mr. Robert L. Peters, Chairman — Dr. L. I. Stell, Secretary

Ex-officio Member

Rev. A. R. Batchelor, D.D. ..... 341-B Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta 5, Georgia
Secretary, Division of Negro Work
Presbyterian Church in the United States

(Whose Terms Expire in 1954)

Mr. W. L. Dansby ..... 814 29th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Mr. R. A. Farnsworth ..... Box 74, Houston, Texas
Mr. Kenneth Forbes ..... Forbes Furniture Co., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. R. E. Fulton, D.D. ..... 2115 Island Home Blvd., Knoxville, Tenn.
Rev. F. B. Gear, Ph.D. ..... 505 Columbia Dr., Decatur, Ga.
Dr. Carl M. Hill ..... A & I State University, Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. W. P. Jacobs, Sr. ..... Clinton, S. C.

(Whose Terms Expire in 1955)

Rev. L. W. Bottoms ..... 1092 West Fair St., Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. J. E. Bryan ..... Alabama State Institute for Deaf and Blind, Talladega, Ala.
Rev. S. F. Bryant, D.D. ..... 920 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Mr. Marion L. Crist ..... Union Life Building, Little Rock, Ark.
Rev. W. J. Gipson ..... 2507 Morton Ave., Jackson, Miss.
Dr. L. Tennant Lee, Jr. ..... 10 Windsor Dr., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Mr. E. C. McGehee ..... 7 Thorn Pl., Montgomery, Ala.

(Whose Terms Expire in 1956)

Rev. Harry Fifield, D.D. ..... First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga.
Hon. E. D. Grant ..... Department of Louisiana State Institutions, Baton Rouge, La.
Rev. William F. Mansell, D.D. ..... First Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, Miss.
Mr. R. L. Peters ..... Post Office Box 187, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Edward V. Ramage, D.D. ..... First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Lawrence I. Stell, D.D. ..... 3021 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N. C.
Mr. Cecil Woods ..... Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tenn.

At the last meeting of the Board, the resignation as chairman, of the Reverend Doctor R. E. Fulton was accepted. Dr. Fulton was given a special vote of thanks and appreciation for his long years of faithful service in this capacity. Mr. Robert L. Peters of Kingsport, Tennessee was elected chairman. Mr. Peters has been a member for several years and was one of the outstanding leaders in the recent campaign.

The finances of the college, including investments, are under the direction and supervision of the Finance Committee of which Dr. John E. Bryan, President of the Alabama School for Deaf and Blind, is chairman. Mr. Cecil Woods, President of the Volunteer Life Insurance Company of Chattanooga, Mr. Kenneth Forbes of Birmingham, and Mr. F. H. M. Williams of Tuscaloosa are successful businessmen who are other members of this committee.

VII. New Charter

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in November, a proposed new charter was approved, and is here submitted to the Assembly for its consideration.

The need of a new charter arises from two facts:

1. The new relationship of the college to the Assembly, due to the reorganization of the Assembly, and the action of the 1950 Assembly, which made the college directly responsible to the Assembly.
2. To endeavor to state plainly and unequivocally that the college is the property of the General Assembly and is under its direct control through the Board of Trustees; members of which are nominated by, elected by, and responsible to the Assembly.

DECLARATION AMENDING THE CHARTER OF STILLMAN COLLEGE, A CORPORATION

Proposed Charter Approved by the Board of Trustees on November 13, 1953

STATE OF ALABAMA
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Whereas; Stillman College, a corporation, located at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was organized under the laws of Alabama on May 24th, 1895 as Stillman Institute, by declaration recorded in Corporation Record 1, on page 234, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

Whereas; By declaration filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on 5th May 1948 and recorded in Deed Record 275, on page 267, the name of the corporation was changed to Stillman College, a corporation, by which name it is now known;

Whereas; By the declaration filed on 5th May 1948, certain changes were made in the powers of the trustees of the corporation.

Whereas; At the stated annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States held at Massanetta Springs Encampment, near Harrisonburg, Virginia, June 8-13, 1950, the General Assembly adopted the following report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension relating to Stillman College, (Minutes of the General Assembly, page 69), "That Stillman College become an Assembly's institution effective immediately and that the 1950 General Assembly choose a Board of Trustees to direct the affairs of this institution, to consist of the present Board for one year, with the addition of Rev. Alex R. Batchelor, Secretary of the Division of Negro Work of the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Further, that Stillman College remain in the budget of the Board of Church Extension until April 1, 1952, at which time a definite percentage be assigned it from the General Fund, thus making the status of Stillman College the same as that of the Assembly's Training School and the Mountain Retreat Association.

Further, that title to all real property held for Stillman College by the Board of Church Extension, or in the name of any of its divisions, be conveyed to the college as soon as practicable and that any and all property and assets of every kind and description, including cash, belonging to, or being held for, Stillman College, also be transferred to the college as soon as practicable after the adoption of this recommendation by the General Assembly."

Whereas; At a regular stated meeting of the Board of Trustees of Stillman College held at the college in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on 13th day of November, 1953, a resolution was unanimously adopted that the Board of Trustees comply with the directive of the General Assembly and that the charter of Stillman College, a corporation, be changed to read as follows:

1. That the corporate name of the corporation be Stillman College;

2. That its principal place of business shall be Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, and shall be managed by a Board of Trustees as provided below;

3. That said corporation shall have perpetual existence;

4. That the objects and purposes of the college are to educate youth in such branches of academic, professional and technical training as shall produce a trained Christian leadership.

5. The Board of Trustees shall be elected by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and shall serve at the pleasure and under the direction of said General Assembly.

6. The number of trustees who shall manage the affairs of the corporation shall be not more than thirty-one nor less than twelve, who shall elect from their number the following officers: a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary of the corporation. The Secretary of the Division of Negro Work of the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. shall by virtue of his office be a member of the board. The Board of Trustees shall also elect a Treasurer who may or may not be a member of the said Board of Trustees; and shall have power to elect from its members, or otherwise such officers as may from time to time be necessary.

7. The corporation shall forever be an instrumentality of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and its corporate successors and as such shall be under its exclusive control by and through the Board of Trustees of Stillman College.

8. The By-laws shall be drawn up by the Board of Trustees and shall be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the full Board of Trustees.

9. The corporation shall have the power to use a common seal, which may be altered at the pleasure of the Trustees, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to acquire and hold property, real and personal, by purchase, gift, exchange, devise or bequest and to sell and convey the same, to receive and hold lands, moneys, stocks, bonds, mortgages, trusts or endowment funds for the use and benefit of the corporation and its work.

10. The Trustees shall have the power and authority to sell and convey any of the property, real or personal, of the college at such price and upon such terms as they may deem wise and shall have the power to borrow money and give the binding obligation of the College in the form of a promissory note or bond and may encumber and mortgage the property of the College to secure payment of its indebtedness. Provided, however, any exercise of the above powers to sell or mortgage shall first be authorized and approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees, who may by proper resolution designate any one or more of its members to sign and acknowledge the deed or mortgage by and on behalf of the College.

11. All powers heretofore exercised by the Board of Trustees of Stillman College inconsistent with this declaration are hereby abrogated and repealed.

In witness whereof the trustees of Stillman College have hereto set their hands and seals this 13th day of November, Nineteen-hundred and Fifty-three.

VIII. Finances

We regret to have to report again that the college has not received sufficient funds to meet its operating expenses. Three factors enter into the picture of the report of a deficit:

1. A decrease in enrollment with consequent decrease in student fees.
2. A decrease in gifts received. Many friends who ordinarily have remembered the institution by special contribution each year, this year gave to the campaign instead. This was to be expected.
3. While there was an increase in the giving of the churches through the regular budget to this cause, it fell short of the askings of the Assembly by $17,854.00. If this college is to fulfill its great responsibility and render the opportunity and service which the enthusiasm of the Church in the Campaign indicates as its desire, and mandate, in some way sufficient funds must be provided.

Condensed Statement of Income and Expense
Nine Months Church Year Ended December 31, 1953

Report 1

Income

Student Fees (Living and educational)	$ 45,280.89
Endowment Income	14,208.08

Gifts and Scholarships	8,440.98	
Income from other Sources	65,197.48	
Appropriation from General Fund	39,537.72	
Total Income		$172,665.15
Expenses		
General and Educational	$105,650.21	
Other Expenses (Including Dining Hall, Farm, and Student Activities)	41,699.07	
Interest	1,016.32	
Capital Expenditures from Current Funds	14,735.13	
Total Expenses		$163,100.73
Excess of Income over Expense		$ 9,564.42
Deficit April 1, 1953 (adjusted)		$ 21,696.23
Deduct: Excess of Income over Expense (above)		9,564.42
Deficit: December 31, 1953 (Adjusted, for January Church Appropriation Receipts)		$ 12,131.81

Statement of Presbyterian Negro Work Campaign Funds to Stillman College
February 28, 1954
Report 3

Receipts
(to March 3, 1954)

Disposition

*½ of Campaign Operational Costs (to October 31, 1953)	$ 63,526.18	
**Deficit June 30, 1953	37,431.02	
Capital Additions	25,630.57	
Building Costs	15,197.13	
Invested for Endowment	100,778.74	
Cash Balance in Endowment Fund	905.26	
Cash Balance in Building Fund	171,581.10	
Total Funds to be accounted for		$415,050.00

*Did not enter Stillman books as a receipt or expense but is shown in both in this statement. It was paid by the Campaign Office.

**Used to liquidate deficit of three (3) years accumulation. Was an original objective of campaign approved by Board of Trustees and Campaign Committee.

Report 2.

BALANCE SHEET FOR COLLEGE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1953
As per Auditor's Statement
Exhibit "A"

ASSETS

Current Fund

Cash on hand and in Banks	$ 2,494.30	
Net Receivables	5,940.15	
Inventories	2,095.09	
Prepaid expenses	4,260.00	
Total Assets		$ 14,789.54

Endowment Funds

Total Assets	$378,502.73

Loan Funds

Total Assets	$ 1,200.00

Plant Fund

Campus land, educational buildings and equipment	
Total Assets	$615,774.18

Agency Fund

Cash	$ 33.81

LIABILITIES

Current Fund

Accounts payable	$ 5,290.86	
Due to other funds	2,790.56	
Unexpended balance of choir robes and scholarship funds	348.70	
Unappropriated surplus	6,359.42	
Total Liabilities and Surplus		$ 14,789.54

Endowment Funds

Total Endowment Principal	$378,502.73

Loan Funds

Charles Lawson Harris Fund	$ 500.00	
Mrs. J. B. Leathes Fund	200.00	
Mrs. T. W. Winton fund	500.00	
Total Principal		$ 1,200.00

Plant Fund

Mortgage payable—4½ percent due in semi-annual payments of $2,500.00	$ 42,500.00	
Surplus	573,274.18	
Total Liabilities and Surplus		$615,774.18

Agency Fund

Deposits by students	$ 33.81

Recommendations

1. That the Assembly include in its askings for Stillman sufficient funds to meet its operating expenses.

2. That the Assembly express its appreciation to all of those who had a part in making the Presbyterian Campaign for Negro Work a success.

3. That the new charter proposed and approved by the Board of Trustees of Stillman College be adopted.

4. That church groups be reminded of the opportunity that Stillman affords to provide training for Christian leadership and that they be encouraged to recruit the most promising youths of their communities for Stillman.

5. That the Assembly commend the Reverend Doctor Robert E. Fulton for the many years of service rendered the college as trustee and chairman of the Board of Trustees

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4. REPORT OF THE MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

The Trustees of the stock of the Mountain Retreat Association and the Board of Directors present to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., in session at Montreat, North Carolina, its report for the year ending December 31, 1953. The minutes of the Trustees of the Stock of the Mountain Retreat Association, the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors, and the Auditor's report are also submitted.

GRATITUDE

The Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association would first of all express sincere gratitude for the continued evidence of the Holy Spirit's blessing upon the work, and for the—

Fervent prayers of churches and individuals that the Holy Spirit will guide and control and empower Montreat to accept and use best its highest opportunity for spiritual service to the Church and the Kingdom;

For the gracious and generous gifts of churches and individuals for the total work in Montreat;

For all of those church organizations and individuals who by their gifts have made it possible for Montreat College to provide the opportunities for a thoroughly Christian and sound academic education for an increasing number of worthy and superior girls.

MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Declaration of Trust of the Mountain Retreat Association was held in the Sun Parlor of Assembly Inn in Montreat on Wednesday, August 5, 1953. The Reverend C. Grier Davis was re-elected Chairman. Mr. Philip Howerton was elected Secretary. The following members were in attendance: The Rev. Van M. Arnold, Rev. D. B. Bailey, Rev. E. L. Barber, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Rev. R. B. Brannon, Rev. J. N. Brown, Mr. Robert H. Crook, Rev. John R. Cunningham, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Henry B. Dendy, Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy, Rev. Paul M. Edris, Rev. Raleigh M. Engle, Rev. Hugh C. Hamilton, Mr. Philip F. Howerton, Mr. Karl Hudson, Jr., Mr. F. L. Jackson, Rev. L. T. Lawrence, Rev. C. G. McClure, Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, Rev. John McSween, Rev. Frank Alfred Mathes, Mr. John V. Matthews, Rev. G. A. Nickles, Mr. George Norris, Rev. C. H. Patterson, Mr. W. E. Pleasant, Rev. John E. Richards, Rev. L. A. Van Patten, Major W. Calvin Wells, Mrs. Lamar Westcott, Rev. J. A. Womeldorf, and Mr. George H. Wright.

The nominees of the General Assembly for the year, 1953, were as follows and were elected trustees of the Declaration of Trust: Rev. Van M. Arnold, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Mr. Robert H. Crook, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy, Rev. Paul Edris, Rev. Raleigh M. Engle, Mr. Laurence Favrot, Rev. James L. Fowle, Mr. Thomas E. Gray, Mr. Karl Hudson, Jr., Rev. Robert F. Jones, Rev. W. L. McLeod, Rev. John McSween, Mr. John Matthews, Rev. John Richards, and Mr. Herbert D. Warner.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association for a term of one year: Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Rev. John R. Cunningham, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. W. Dendy, Mr. Philip F. Howerton, Mr. Karl Hudson, Jr., Mr. F. L. Jackson, Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, Rev. Frank Alfred Mathes, Mr. John V. Matthews, Mr. George Norris, and Rev. John E. Richards.

The following were elected members of the Program Committee: Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. Paul M. Edris, Rev. Robert F. Jones, and Rev. W. L. McLeod; and each Board of the General Assembly conducting conferences in Montreat were requested to appoint a member to this committee.

Members of the Board of Trustees of Montreat College who were elected and have accepted are as follows: Mrs. J. Fred Johnson, Kingsport, Tennessee; Mrs. Clay Williams, Jr., Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mrs. W. F. Graham, Montreat, N. C. The other members of the Board of Trustees of Montreat College are: Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Honorary Member; Rev. R. McFerran Crowe; Rev. C. Grier Davis; Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy; Rev. A. W. Dick; Rev. J. Wayte Fulton, Jr. Rev. James L. Fowle; Rev. Charles E. S. Kraemer; Rev. J. Cecil Lawrence; Rev. William H. McCorkle; Rev. J. Rupert McGregor; Rev. Fred V. Poag; Rev. George H. Vick; Mr. Marion Wellford; and Rev. Sam S. Wiley. Dr. James L. Fowle is Chairman of the Board.

The Reverend C. Grier Davis was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Secretary and Health Officer; and Rev. J. Rupert McGregor was re-elected President and Treasurer.

CONFERENCES

The Trustees, the Directors and the President would express their deep gratitude to the Boards of the Church and the Director of each conference for the splendid way in which they have planned for and conducted their conferences at Montreat. They have used this great opportunity in a wonderful way, not only for the proper promotion of their cause but for the strengthening and deepening of the spiritual life of the whole Church. We, with our Church, are greatly indebted to them for the magnificent service they thus render to our Church and the Kingdom.

The 1954 summer conferences are as follows:

Asheville Presbytery Young People	June 7-12
Knoxville Presbytery Young People	June 7-12
College Professors, Dr. H. B. Blakely, Director	June 8-13
Appalachia Synod Young People	June 14-19
Abingdon Presbytery Pioneers	June 14-19
Young Adult Conference, Mr. Robert Herndon, Director	June 21-25
Women's Advisory Council	June 24-29
Presbyterial Presidents	June 29-30
Women's Training School, Miss Janie McGaughey, Director	June 30-July 7
Directors of Christian Education, Miss Betsy Rice, Director	July 8-13
Superintendents' Council	July 8
Superintendents' Conference, Rev. Morris Warren, Director	July 9-12
Children's Work Council, Mr. Roy H. Hogrefe, Director	July 8-12
Leadership School, Dr. D. B. Walthall, Director	July 13-22
Assembly's Youth Council	July 22-29
School of Church Music, Mr. Harold Frantz, Director	July 22-29
World Missions Conference, Dr. D. J. Cumming, Director	July 29-Aug. 4
Church Extension Conference, Dr. Charles Gibboney, Director	Aug. 5-12
Stated Clerks' Association	Aug. 17-18
Ministers' Wives Forum, Mrs. H. W. Darden, Director	Aug. 17-19
Bible Conference, Dr. J. R. McGregor, Director	Aug. 12-22

During the fall, winter and spring months many organizations, such as young people's councils, Westminster fellowships, Y.M.C.A., and Y.W.C.A. groups, and college conferences meet in Montreat for their spiritual emphasis programs. We are particularly glad that more and more groups are using Montreat during these seasons of the year.

Montreat wants all of its facilities to be used for any of the conferences of the Church; but it does much more than just provide accommodations for guests, classrooms, and auditoriums for their meetings. Montreat pays all expenses for the music leadership for the entire season, the Bible teacher for each conference, and makes a cash contribution to each conference. Montreat also provides for all the expenses of the Bible Conference which we like to think of as the climax of the conference season, in its blessing to hundreds of preachers and church leaders from all across our General Assembly. Montreat spent more than $22,000 on the conferences of 1953.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM

Mr. A. Heath Whittle of the Davidson College faculty will be the Director of the

Program for Young People and Children with Mrs. William H. McCorkle of Atlanta, Georgia, as Associate Director in charge of religious activities. Last summer we had approximately 1800 children and young people registered in this religious and recreational program. This is really one of the finest things done in Montreat during the summer.

CAMP MONTREAT FOR GIRLS

We are particularly happy to announce that Mrs. Dorothy Norman of Clemson College, Clemson, South Carolina, is the Director of Camp Montreat for Girls. Mrs. Norman has had most successful experience as associate director for a camp. Her husband for more than twenty years has been active in the leadership of Camp Carolina. Mrs. Norman has gathered a wonderfully fine group of counselors and leaders. We like to say that Camp Montreat is a good camp plus that splendid thing Montreat can add to it.

THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Southern Bell Telephone Company has provided Montreat with phone service for more than six months. This has proved to be satisfactory but has laid a considerably heavy burden upon the Association and College for increased phone costs.

The power system has been completely re-built and is being further extended in the new areas to give satisfactory service to all who desire it. The increased capital outlay is approximately $50,000.

The water system, though greatly improved, demands expenditures beyond our ability just now. There must be a six-inch water line laid from the Assembly Inn to the Gate. The old line was only three inches, and if it were new now would be inadequate because of the large number of new homes which have been built. It has rusted and corroded until last summer an emergency line had to be laid above the ground. This will call for an expenditure of approximately $24,000.

More than fifteen new homes will have been built in Montreat during the year. While we rejoice in this, we must remember that this involves further capital outlays for the Association in providing water, power and street service.

It is expected that Texas Road will be paved by summer. A gift from Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham made possible the opening of a new street making available some of the most beautiful lots in Montreat. It is believed that these lots will sell rapidly. Other short streets have been opened in the area which might be called Kentucky Road Extension.

The modernization of the Assembly Inn kitchen was completed with the installation of a new dish washer, the building of satisfactory refrigeration, and the construction of adequate storage space at the rear. Also, a new roof had to be placed on the Assembly Inn, the bid for which was $6800.

Three new tennis courts should be in excellent condition for this summer. It is hoped that the space underneath the Recreation Hall can be closed in, floored, and made available for handcraft work and office space.

The Board of Christian Education will have their new bookstore ready for occupancy by the meeting of the General Assembly. The Board of World Missions has enlarged their building by complete excavation of their basement and the fitting of it for offices.

The year found us doing more maintenance, repair work and painting than we had been able to do before. There is still much that needs to be done, however.

Approximately $800,000 has been spent in capital improvements in Montreat during the past seven years. The Association has increased its assets approximately one-half million dollars in these seven years.

MONTREAT PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

It is with sincere regret that we announce that Miss Annie Webb feels that she should retire from the principalship of the School. She has done an excellent job for several years as principal of this splendid school. Our Church is greatly indebted to

her for the wonderful service she has rendered and the way in which she has completely given of her unusual gifts, graces and talents, to the Church through Montreat as a teacher, first in the College, and then as principal of the High School.

Strange as it may seem, it is extremely difficult to maintain enrollment in the High School. We wish the brethren in the Church would remember that there is a distinctively Christian preparatory school in Montreat with a high academic standard preparing young women for college. The School is fully accredited but believes that it also should first of all help these young girls develop into beautiful Christians. The program is Christ centered, Bible centered, and Church centered.

MONTREAT COLLEGE

Again, we would report to the General Assembly that the Trustees, the Administration and the Faculty of the College have been earnestly striving to carry out the directions of the General Assembly given to it through the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Montreat College in 1948. Real progress has been made as evidenced in the following paragraphs:

Development of Montreat College in Its Plan for Full Accreditation

1. *Strengthening of the Faculty*—We began the year with four professors having doctor's degrees and fifteen professors having master's degrees. They have studied in thirty-nine different colleges and universities.
2. *Curriculum*—Dr. Henry Highsmith and Dr. James Hillman of the State Department of North Carolina and of the North Carolina College Conference Accrediting Committee had two surveys made by commissions appointed by them and have visited the College three times themselves.

   Dr. Howard Cartledge studied the College, the program and its purpose, met with our faculty and made suggestions to them.

   The faculty committee on curriculum made a thorough study which was submitted to the entire faculty, carefully studied by them, and then re-committed to the committee for some suggested re-study. This came back to the group and was adopted by the faculty.

   This curriculum was submitted to Dr. B. L. Parkinson, the immediate past president of the Woman's College of Mississippi and now professor at the Woman's College of the University of Virginia, and to Dean James Leyburn of Washington and Lee University. One suggested addition was made by Dean Leyburn which was added to the curriculum. This curriculum was also submitted to Dr. James Godard, Secretary of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and with slight changes had his approval.
3. *The Library*—The Librarian has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in Library Science. The library space has been enlarged; some arrangement, lighting system and equipment have been improved as was suggested by the Commission from the State Department of Education which studied the library. The library has been accepted by the State Department of Education.
4. *The Business Education Department* has been given adequate and satisfactory teaching space and sufficient equipment is provided. Both professors in this department have Master's degrees in Business Education.
5. *The Program for Training Teachers* has been strengthened wtih the addition of a professor who has the Doctor of Philosophy degree. Buncombe County School system has been most cordial and cooperative with us, and our students receive their practical teaching experience in the schools of the County under the supervision of the Head of our Department. During the past three years, those planning to teach had completed more hours of observation and directed teaching than was required by the State.
6. *A Fine Arts Building* has been purchased which has eighteen rooms. It is conveniently near and provides space for the development of this department. An organ has been purchased and new pianos have been added. The Music faculty in 1947 was made up of three persons who did not have degrees in music. The four

now teaching in the department have Master's degrees and two have been especially prepared in Westminster Choir College and Union Theological Seminary in New York for teaching in a college where the emphasis is on sacred music.

7. In the *Physical Education Department* limited improvements have been made in the space and equipment. The professor in this department has a Master's degree.
8. The *salaries* of the faculty members have been increased. They receive approximately 100 percent more cash money than they did in 1946-47.
9. The *increased support* of the College on the part of churches and individuals is encouraging. In 1946-47 the donations amounted to $3,940.41. This amount has been increased to an average of $36,000 per year. We have been encouraged, too, that more individuals and more churches are making special gifts to the College for scholarship aid to worthy girls.
10. The above things have to do only with the College. *The Montreat Preparatory School* has also made progress. The first thing the present administration did was to separate completely the administration and the teaching in the College and the High School according to the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. For seven years now this preparatory school has been fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

A copy of a letter also follows which gives evidence of the progress made:

State of North Carolina,
Department of Public Instruction,
Raleigh, North Carolina

Rev. J. R. McGregor,
Montreat College.
Montreat, N. C.

Dear Mr. McGregor:

I wish to commend you for the progress which has been made at Montreat College under your administration and leadership. The institution has more nearly arrived than I had any reason to expect at the time it entered upon its present program. I think I should say that, both in justice to myself and as testimony to the fine job you have done and are doing.

In working with you, I am convinced that you feel that the Institution should have a more restricted program and that it do in a distinctive way those things which are not being done elsewhere or that could be done less well. I wish to commend that thought.

I do believe that there is a place for a school of the kind you would want to see Montreat be. You are making progress toward achieving that goal. I know that much progress has been made. You need only money and support of your Church; you do need both. Without that help, I see no way by which the Institution may be fully accredited as a senior college. With such assistance it should be possible to meet any standard.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES E. HILLMAN,
Director, Division of Professional Service

Information about our recent graduates is most encouraging. Certain statistics follow:

Total number of graduates, 1947-1953	109
Number aided financially	95
Average aid to each per year	$149
Graduates taking further study	48
Missionaries	7
Graduates engaged or training for D.R.E.	12
Graduates now church secretaries and in other religious work	14
Women married to ministers	8
Women married	41
Average charges over 5 years, tuition per year	$170
Room and board per year	$314

It is noted that 41, or almost 38 percent, of the 109 graduates are engaged in full-time Christian work.

The enrollment in the College increased again last fall more than 30 percent over that of the year, 1952-53. We had a good number of transfer students who apparently came because of the Christian emphasis of the life and teaching at Montreat. We believe our supreme task is to help these young people develop into winsome and effective Christians and servants of the Church.

We believe that we can fit best into the educational program of the Church by providing this Christian and sound education at a cost low enough for Presbyterians of average and below average income to send their children. The cost for room, board, tuition, health fee, activity fee, library fee, is $535 a year. Even with this low cost, more than 60 percent of our girls have to have scholarship aid; and large numbers of them, along with students from other colleges work in Montreat during the summer. It is definitely understood that an education cannot be provided for $535 per student. In many colleges and universities the student pays only approximately half of what his education actually costs. The other must be provided by other income and gifts. It is easily understood then that Montreat College cannot achieve that which the General Assembly desires for it without aid beyond that which it now has.

We are deeply grateful to the General Assembly for that generous support in gifts to the total program at Montreat. Our earnest prayer is that this money may be used in the wisest and best way, through every department of the activities at Montreat to help the Church fulfill its mission in making this world the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly through its continued support and prayers for Montreat undergird it so that it may accept and use every opportunity for service to the Church and the Kingdom.

2. That Sunday, May 29, 1955, be designated as *Montreat Day* and that pastors, deacons, and sessions be urged to give favorable notice to this day for Montreat and its needs, to pray for the Spirit's fullest power and blessing upon Montreat and wherever possible to receive an offering.

3. That the General Assembly commend Montreat, its conference program, its educational programs, its Trustees and its officers to prayer groups and to churches for their earnest prayers.

4. That pastors and church officers seek to interest their young people in attending our own Church educational institutions and that the oportunities at Montreat College and Montreat Preparatory School be made known to young people who need and would be best developed by the opportunities there.

As President of the Mountain Retreat Association and of Montreat College and Preparatory School, I would express my sincere gratitude to the Trustees and the Directors of the Association, to the Trustees of the College, to the Faculty, the students, the staff and the workmen, for the privilege of working with them for the building up of Montreat that it may be an increasing source of spiritual information, inspiration and strength for the thousands who come through our Gate. To the Church we would express our deep gratitude and earnestly say, "Brethren, Pray for Us."

Respectfully yours,

J. RUPERT MCGREGOR,
President

MONTREAT COLLEGE
and
MONTREAT PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
August 31, 1953
CONDENSED REPORT

February 26, 1954

Dr. J. R. McGregor, President
Montreat College
Montreat, North Carolina
Dear Dr. McGregor:

At your request I have prepared the following Statements from our Auditor's report

of the Montreat College for the year ended August 31, 1953, and attached hereto Condensed Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Funds' Balances as follows:

Exhibit A Condensed Balance Sheet
Exhibit B Condensed Income Statement
Exhibit C Statement of Funds' Balances

In my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Funds' Balances present fairly the financial position of Montreat College at August 31, 1953, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully,

THOS. M. COX,
Accountant

EXHIBIT "A"

Condensed Balance Sheet—August 31, 1953

CURRENT FUND

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and In Banks	$ 1,205.92
Receivables	36,179.74
Prepaid Expenses	4,692.92
Inventory	2,048.06
Equipment	1,228.19
Due from Camp Montreat Fund	4,460.13
Total Assets	$ 49,814.96

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 33,584.72
Accrued Taxes Payable	982.26
Due to Other Funds	19,017.30
Total Liabilities	$ 53,584.28
Current Fund Balance	(3,769.32)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 49,814.96

PLANT FUND

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$ 2,233.09
Buildings and Equipment	223,856.55
Total Assets	$226,089.64

LIABILITIES

Crosby Adams Memorial Fund	$ 52.00
Plant Fund Balance	226,037.64
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$226,089.64

STUDENT LOAN FUND

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$ 1,300.03
Receivables	1,233.35
Total Assets	$ 2,533.38

LIABILITIES

Student Loan Fund Balance	$ 2,533.38

ENDOWMENT FUND
ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$ 3,567.96
Investments	251,067.40
Due from Other Funds	18,782.30
Total Assets	$273,417.66

LIABILITIES

Endowment Fund Balance	$273,417.66

STUDENT BANK FUND
ASSETS

Cash on Hand and In Banks	$ 2,759.87
Returned Checks	16.00
Total Assets	$ 2,769.87

LIABILITIES

Student Bank Fund Balance	$ 2,769.87

CAMP MONTREAT FUND
ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$ 3,485.97
Receivables	612.54
Inventories	832.85
Prepaid Promotion	444.32
Total Assets	$ 5,375.68

LIABILITIES

Payables	$ 915.55
Due to Current Fund	4,460.13
Total Liabilities	$ 5,375.68

EXHIBIT "B"

Condensed Income Statement—For Year Ended August 31, 1953

	College Income	College Expenses	H. School Income	H. School Expenses
INCOME				
EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL				
Student Fees	$ 22,939.73		$16,729.75	
Private Gifts and Grants	41,632.09		120.36	
Endowment Income	15,134.19			
Total Educational General	$ 79,706.01		$16,850.11	
EXPENSES				
EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL				
Educational				
Salaries		$39,725.97		$11,736.85
Allowances, Scholarships and Maintn.		500.00		450.00

Department Expenses		7,299.79		301.40
Total Educational		$47,525.76		$12,488.25
General and Administrative				
Salaries		$ 9,446.76		
Allowances Scholarships and Maintn.		3,004.93		
Office Expense		2,925.76		1,381.09
Advertising and Promotion		1,408.28		561.48
Travel and Committee		1,511.62		550.80
Other		3,275.99		266.71
Total General and Administrative		$21,573.34		$ 2,760.08
Operation and Maintn. of Plant				
Wages		$ 3,440.64		$ 1,169.81
Heat, Lights, and Water		9,934.72		2,700.83
Repairs		4,759.70		741.49
Other, Insurance, Car Expense, Etc.		3,145.94		631.94
Total Operation and Maintn. of Plant		$21,281.00		$ 5,253.07
INCOME AND EXPENSES MISCELLANEOUS	$ 150.13	$ 2,440.93		$ 404.20
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES				
Dormitories	$ 10,479.22	$30,504.48	$ 7,242.53	$ 3,192.71
Dining Hall	47,746.10	50,974.48	28,022.52	28,127.57
Infirmary	2,153.22	2,829.22	1,140.00	1,860.60
Bookstore	6,196.75	5,798.08		
Other	1,660.33	1,126.66	902.50	458.05
Total Auxiliary Enterprises	$ 68,235.62	$63,778.92	$37,307.55	$33,638.93
Total Current Fund Income	148,091.76		$54,157.66	
Current Fund Expenditure	156,599.95		54,544.53	
Net Current Fund Income	(8,508.19)		(386.87)	

Statement of Funds' Balances—August 31, 1953

EXHIBIT "C"

CURRENT FUND BALANCE, September 1, 1952	$ 8,160.41
Additions	3,225.83
Total	$ 11,386.24
Deductions	$ 15,155.56
Balance, August 31, 1953	($3,769.32)
PLANT FUND BALANCE, September 1, 1952	$221,013.52
Additions	5,024.12
Balance, August 31, 1953	$226,037.64
LOAN FUND BALANCE, September 1, 1952	$ 2,518.96
Additions	14.92
Total	$ 2,533.88

Deductions	$ .50
Balance, August 31, 1953	$ 2,533.38
ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE, September 1, 1952	$273,147.98
Additions	269.68
Balance, August 31, 1953	$273,417.66
STUDENT BANK FUND BALANCE, September 1, 1952	$ 2,007.01
Additions	762.86
Balance, August 31, 1953	$ 2,769.87

December 31, 1953

CONDENSED REPORT

February 26, 1953

Dr. J. R. McGregor, President
Mountain Retreat Association
Montreat, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

At your request I have prepared the following statements from the books of the Mountain Retreat Association for the period of nine months ended December 31, 1953 and attached hereto Condensed Balance Sheet and Income Statements as follows:

Exhibit A Condensed Balance Sheet
Exhibit B Condensed Income Statement
Exhibit C Surplus Reconciliation
Exhibit D Statement of Gate and Conference Fund Balance
Exhibit E Statement of Development Fund Balance

In my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income Statements attached hereto present fairly the financial position of the Mountain Retreat Association at December 31, 1953.

Respectfully,

THOS. M. COX,
Accountant

Condensed Balance Sheet—December 31, 1953

EXHIBIT "A"

CURRENT FUND

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and In Banks	$ 3,830.47
Receivables	37,040.54
Inventories	12,859.10
Prepaid Expenses	13,328.53
Land, Buildings and Equipment	1,481,479.89
Total Assets	$1,548,538.53

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 35,318.79
Notes Payable	25,000.00
Taxes and Commissions Payable	2,873.32
Deposits	4,979.05
Due to Development Fund	11,429.34
Mortgages Payable	320,000.00

Total Liabilities	$ 399,600.50
Capital	$ 62,600.00
Surplus	1,086,338.03
Total Liabilities and Capital	$1,548,538.53

GATE AND CONFERENCE FUND

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$ 4,673.15
Equipment	9,948.06
Total Assets	$ 14,621.21

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 564.44
Negro Scholarship Fund	61.31
Fund Balance	13,995.46
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 14,621.21

DEVELOPMENT FUND

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$ 15,123.31
Receivables	11,432.34
Total Assets	$ 26,555.65

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 2,486.93
Fund Balance	24,068.72
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 26,555.65

Condensed Income Statement—For Nine Month Period ended December 31, 1953

EXHIBIT "B"

	Income	Expenses	Profit (Loss)
INCOME			
Income from Operations			
Light Plant	$ 23,794.67	$ 14,728.55	$ 9,066.12
Water Plant	3,369.00	440.53	2,928.47
Telephone Exchange	1,157.09	1,709.59	(552.50)
Totals	$ 28,320.76	$ 16,878.67	$11,442.09
Other Departments			
Hotels	$176,473.43	$141,017.86	$35,455.57
Store and Drug Store	25,596.49	24,828.85	767.64
Gift Shop	14,367.16	12,416.20	1,950.96
Totals	$216,437.08	$178,262.91	$38,174.17
Municipal and Other Operations			
Taxes	$ 7,872.89		
Other Customer Charges	45,550.66	$ 53,423.55	
Less: Maintenance Wages	34,704.38		
Less: Other Maintenance Expenses	36,718.93	71,423.31	($17,999.76)

Net Profit From Operations			$31,616.50
OTHER INCOME			
Commissions and Rentals	$ 1,643.97		
Donations	7,499.01		
Other Income	15,442.99	$ 24,585.97	
ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES			
Salaries	$ 20,705.79		
Maintenance Allowances	4,254.93		
Office Expense	3,149.09		
Upkeep of Cars	1,845.00		
Travel and Committee Expense	1,379.17		
Heat, Lights and Water	1,752.90		
Telephone and Telegraph	861.39		
Insurance	1,656.13		
Other	7,101.38	42,706.02	($18,120.05)
Net Income for Nine Month Period			$13,496.45

Reconciliation of Surplus—December 31, 1953

EXHIBIT "C"

Balance, April 1, 1953		$1,050,442.33
Credits		
Net Income for Nine Month Period	$13,496.45	
Recovery of Bad Debts	46.49	
Advances for Paving Roads	114.12	
Funds Transferred from Development Fund	27,238.64	
Total Credits	$40,895.70	
Debits		
Funds Transferred to Historical Foundation	$ 5,000.00	
Net Credits		$ 35,895.70
Balance, December 31, 1953		$1,086,338.03

EXHIBIT "D"

Statement of Gate and Conference Fund Balance—December 31, 1953

Balance, April 1, 1953			$13,562.60
Additions			
Gate Receipts	$17,246.02		
Auditorium Church Collections	8,578.28		
Other Receipts	2,479.98		
Total Additions		$28,304.28	
Deductions			
Salaries and Wages	$ 7,043.21		
Supplies	995.40		
Musicians and Concert Artists	3,189.45		
Repairs	1,589.66		
Advertising and Bulletins	450.16		
Young People's Work	2,464.03		
Appropriations	3,487.95		
Maintenance Allowances	3,640.34		

Other Expenses	5,011.22	$27,871.42	
Net Additions			$ 432.86
Balance December 31, 1953			$13,995.46

EXHIBIT "E"

Statement of Development Fund Balance—December 31, 1953

DEVELOPMENT FUND			
Balance, April 1, 1953		($16,580.06)	
Additions			
Donations	$10,952.96		
Photography	47.10		
Total Additions		$11,000.06	
Total		($ 5,580.00)	
Deductions			
Salaries and Wages	$ 4,545.37		
Advertising, Promotion, and Printing	1,258.82		
Photography	95.90		
Total Deductions		$ 5,900.09	
Balance, December 31, 1953			($11,480.09)
MORTGAGE REDEMPTION FUND			
Balance, April 1, 1953		$38,600.95	
Additions			
General Fund Benevolences		33,093.76	
Total		$71,694.71	
Deductions			
Interest	$11,145.90		
Mortgage Payments	25,000.00	$36,145.90	
Balance, December 31, 1953			$35,548.81
Total Development Fund Balance			$24,068.72

5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED CHURCHES

The Executive Committee of the Historical Foundation respectfully submits the following report for the nine months, April-December, 1953.

I. Building

The end of the year found the new Foundation building substantially completed, with plans under way for moving the holdings of the institution as soon as bookstacks have been installed. Due to interest and attention on the part of the contractors, the Barger Construction Company of Mooresville, North Carolina, the cost of the structure has run approximately $20,000 under the quoted price. The personal concern of the President of this organization, Mr. L. Young White, contributed substantially to such savings.

The contract for steel shelving for the stack areas has been let to Remington-Rand, Inc., while the Black Mountain Lumber Company has built and installed sturdy and attractive oak bookcases in the Reading Room, the room housing the Woman's History, and the office of the Director.

The cost of stacks, furniture and other equipment for the building is estimated at $40,000, of which $22,000 is in sight, leaving a balance of $18,000 to be secured. This amount should provide the Foundation with fitting furnishings for what is believed to be the most beautiful and adequate building housing any Church History society in the world.

Due to substantial interest throughout the Church, it has been decided to keep open the opportunity of adding names to the Plaque of Recognition to be erected in the new building as long as possible. The number of names so proposed at the end of December stands at 350. Donors of the sums of One Hundred Dollars or more to the Building and Equipment Fund have the privilege of supplying a name for this impressive bronze tablet. Local churches are finding in the Plaque a particularly appropriate way of honoring their pastors, both past and present.

In addition to her original gift which made possible the construction of the office of the Director, Miss Melissa Parham, of Mobile, Alabama, has provided appropriate furnishings for this room. It is a memorial to her brother, Wallace Parham, long a benefactor of the institution and for many years a member of its Executive Committee.

The building includes rooms memorializing Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Royster, the gift of their daughter, Mrs. Richard C. Cooke, of Norfolk, Virginia; another in memory of Dr. J. L. Cooper, as provided for in the will of his daughter, Miss Lula Cooper, of Farrell, Mississippi; while a third is a memorial to Dr. Samuel Mills Tenney, by the Women of the Synod of Texas.

The number of local churches contributing to the Building and Equipment Fund has materially increased, the largest gift from a single congregation yet received having come during the church year from the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Georgia.

II. STAFF

The regular budget of the Foundation provides for the Director, Cataloguer, Secretary, and part-time janitor service. It is hoped that the imperative need for an additional worker, with primary care of the History of Churches and Woman's Work, may be met in the near future through an expansion of Sustaining Memberships. Mrs. W. T. Fowler, General Historian of the Women of the Church, is currently engaged in what promises to be a successful promotion of these Memberships.

The Executive Committee reports the election of Rev. Thomas H. Spence, Jr., as Director for a term of three years.

III. ACQUISITIONS

The printed Catalogue of the British Museum and Supplement have been added to the bibliographical section of the Library, thus making available for the use of staff members and research students the final major item of this nature on the immediate want list of the Foundation.

The Library, Archives and Museum have been recipients of the usual large number of items during the nine months past, many articles coming in regular scheduled fashion (such as minutes of church courts, periodicals, manuscripts for the History of Churches and Woman's Work), while a great many others were accessioned through special gifts.

IV. NEEDS

Specific needs of the Foundation include: 1, An additional worker with particular respect to the care of the manuscripts constituting the History of Churches and Woman's Work, to which reference has already been made; 2, Comprehensive cataloguing of the materials in the Foundation; 3, Binding of a large number of volumes, particularly of periodicals now in loose form; 4, Adequate insurance on the building and

its contents. The building itself is now properly covered and work is under way on a program for the holdings. An item has been included in the budget request for 1955 in this connection.

It is anticipated that the Director, upon the completion of the building, will be able to devote more attention to the collection of materials and making contacts with the Church at large.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS (See page 60)

WILLIAM H. BARNHARDT,
Chairman, Executive Committee

Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Nine Months Period Ended December 31, 1953

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS			
A. R. P. Church		$ 83.34	
Benevolences and Gifts		17.50	
Binding and Copy Sales		9.00	
Dividends		17.50	
Miscellaneous		6.85	
Sustaining Memberships		1,499.71	
Treasurer of The General Assembly	$16,423.21		
Less: 5% Equalization Refund	824.63	15,598.58	
Total Receipts			$17,232.48
DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries and Pensions:			
Dr. T. H. Spence, Jr., Curator	$ 4,500.00		
Mrs. S. M. Tenney, Pension and Gift	470.00		
Mrs. R. T. Coit	949.98		
Mrs. Margaret Matthews	957.17		
Mrs. John Nisbet	400.00		
Miss Wilhelmina Carothers	1,458.31		
Miss Elizabeth Hoyt	400.00		
	$ 9,135.46		
Less: Annuity and Tax Deductions	1,209.80	$ 7,925.66	
Paid for Annuities and Taxes:			
Ministers Annuity Fund	$ 517.59		
Federal Payroll Taxes	1,184.56	1,702.15	
Building Operations:			
Salaries	$ 39.30		
Less: Tax Deductions	.60		
	$ 38.70		
Utilities	320.92		
Insurance	436.80		
Paving Assessment	650.00		
Grounds Cleaning and Upkeep	26.00	$ 1,472.42	
SUB-TOTALS		$11,100.23	$17,232.48
Other Disbursements:			
Purchases	$ 1,024.30		
Incidentals	205.00		

News	570.85		
Supplies and Equipment	269.24		
Postage and Printing	269.87		
Travel Expense	341.73		
Manse	675.00		
Express	93.92		
Annual Audit	45.00		
Dishonored Check	2.00		
Group Insurance and Bonds	200.49		
Photographs and Entertaining	56.00		
Committee Expense	166.68	$ 3,920.08	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			$15,020.31
GENERAL FUND BALANCE			$ 2,212.17

BINDER FUND

Binder Purchases	$ 1,309.47	
Refund	13.00	$ 1,322.47
Binder Sales		$ 1,115.85
BINDER FUND DEFICIT		$ 206.62

Reconciliation With Bank

Balance in Bank April 1, 1953	$ 255.43	
Plus: General Fund Balance (Page 2)	2,212.17	
	$ 2,467.60	
Less: Binder Fund Deficit (Page 2)	206.62	
Balance in Bank December 31, 1953		$ 2,260.98
Add: Outstanding Checks		
No. 3421 Dated November 20, 1953	$ 4.00	
No. 3431 Dated December 19, 1953	10.97	
No. 3435	2.17	
No. 3438	57.51	
No. 3439	147.36	
No. 3441	217.90	
No. 3442	30.00	
No. 3444	425.60	
No. 3445	13.00	
No. 3447 Dated December 22, 1953	641.02	
No. 3448 Dated December 28, 1953	6.00	
No. 3449	481.00	
No. 3450	8.43	
No. 3452	13.89	
No. 3453 Dated December 31, 1953	25.00	$ 2,083.85
TOTAL		$ 4,344.83
Balance Per Bank Statement Dec. 31, 1953	$ 3,012.67	
Less: Dishonored Check	2.00	
	$ 3,010.67	
Plus: Deposit January 2, 1954	8.75	
Deposit January 8, 1954	1,104.00	
Deposit January 13, 1954	221.41	
TOTAL		$ 4,344.83

BUILDING FUND

Balance March 31, 1953		$ 5,703.20	
Receipts:			
Contributions from Churches, Women's Auxiliaries, and Individuals	$ 8,033.97		
Mountain Retreat Association	5,000.00		
United States Bonds	22,218.50		
Interest Received	2,869.08		
Transfer from Savings Accounts	23,466.16		
Transfer from Equipment Account	1,847.92	$63,435.63	
TOTAL BALANCE AND RECEIPTS			$69,138.83
Disbursements:			
Payments on Building Contract		$64,720.72	
Equipment		1,131.64	
Dishonored Check		100.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			$65,952.36
Balance December 31, 1953			$ 3,186.47

SPECIAL FUNDS

Deposited With Asheville Federal Savings And Loan Association:			
Photographic Equipment Fund			$ 1,321.30
William T. Fowler Fund			1,000.00
Charles Johnston Freeland, Sr. Fund			1,000.00
Pearl C. Jenkins Fund			1,140.00
Life Membership Fund			600.00
Robert P. Smith Fund			25.00
			$ 5,086.30
Deposited with Richmond Federal Savings And Loan Association:			
Blanding Fund	$ 200.00		
Patterson Fund	500.00		$ 700.00
TOTAL DECEMBER 31, 1953			$ 5,786.30

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts of the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches for the fiscal year ended on December 31, 1953; and that, in our opinion, all funds have been properly accounted for; and that the balances shown on this and the preceding pages of this report are true and correct.

Cash received was traced into the bank and vouchers in support of disbursements were examined. Cash balances on deposit were confirmed by the various depositories. All cancelled checks were examined as to signature and endorsement. The records were in good order and no errors were detected.

ROWLAND J. JONES,
Certified Public Accountant

203 Miles Building
Asheville, N. C.
March 1, 1954

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY

The General Assembly meeting of June, 1952, recognized the strategic importance of developing an official publication of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., that will go into the great majority of the homes of our members, and provided for a committee to

discuss with editors of the Presbyterian Survey, and others, plans that might be necessary to establish such a publication.

This Ad Interim Committee on Publications reported to the meeting of the General Assembly at Montreat in June, 1953. Studies had been made of the cost of production of a Church-wide magazine, and of magazines of other Churches. The report of this committee, as amended by the General Assembly, led to the creation of a Board of Directors for the magazine, to formulate plans, direct publication policies, and proceed with the publication of the magazine. The detailed report as passed by the General Assembly may be found on pages 79 and 80 of the Minutes of the Ninety-third General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Under authorization of this action, members were appointed by the General Assembly to the Board of Directors as follows:

Class of 1954	*Class of 1955*	*Class of 1956*
Rev. R. H. Stone, D.D. Charlotte, N. C.	Rev. J. K. Roberts, D.D. Danville, Va.	Rev. Dwight M. Chalmers, Th.D. Greenville, S. C.
Mrs. Alfred P. Jones Roanoke, Va.	Mr. Willis Osborn Atlanta, Ga.	Dr. DeWitt Reddick Austin, Texas
Mr. Leo Aikman Atlanta, Ga.	Mrs. Graham Lacy Washington, D. C.	

Representing Church Boards

Rev. Marshall C. Dendy, D.D., Board of Christian Education, Richmond, Va.
Rev. B. A. McIlhany, D.D., Board of Annuities and Relief, Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. Bluford B. Hestir, the General Council, Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Leighton M. McCutchen, Board of World Missions, Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Marietta Yarnell, Board of Church Extension, Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Evelyn Green, Board of Women's Work, Atlanta, Ga.

The Board of Directors assembled at Richmond on December 8, studied the charge to the committee from the General Assembly, considered reports on the financial operation of the Presbyterian Survey, and the potential cost of publishing a magazine independent of the Church's present publication force, then assigned three committees for detailed research and study, as follows: Committee on Promotion and Finance, Committee on Content and Format, and Committee on Personnel.

After three months' study by these committees, the Board of Directors met again in Richmond for the hearing of reports. As the result of the two meetings and the work of the committees, certain decisions were made and action taken which we believe will lead toward the development of the church-wide magazine envisioned in the General Assembly's charge to the Board of Directors. Since these actions were all taken within the authority assigned to us, we report them to General Assembly as information.

1. The action of the 1953 General Assembly laid before the new Board of Directors the option of establishing a new Church-wide magazine independent of any of the Boards and agencies of the Church, or of continuing the Presbyterian Survey under the Board of Christian Education. To make a decision upon this point, the Board of Directors studied estimated costs for an independent publication as compared with the increased cost of publishing the re-designed Survey under present arrangements.

Likewise, the Board explored into questions of editorial policy and freedom in both procedures. We received the utmost cooperation from Dr. Marshall C. Dendy, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Dr. Holmes Rolston, editor-in-chief of the Board's publications, and Mr. William Thompson, editor of *The Presbyterian Survey*. We have likewise been assured of freedom in control of the magazine by the Board of Directors should the magazine be published within the framework of the Board of Christian Education.

The difference in cost between establishing an independent publishing office for the magazine, and continuing to use the facilities now available through the Board of Christian Education proved to be considerable. Likewise, the Board of Directors could discover no point of difficulty that might arise editorially by continuing the present arrangements under the Board of Christian Education.

Therefore, the Board of Directors approved a plan of publication of the Church-wide magazine through the facilities provided by the Board of Christian Education.

2. A second major decision charged to the Board of Directors was that of choosing between a new publication or revitalizing, improving and promoting *The Presbyterian Survey.*

The Board of Directors debated this question thoroughly, and explored implications in both directions. We recognize that some prejudices have been established against *The Presbyterian Survey,* despite its remarkable improvement in the last three years. A careful study convinced us, however, that the decline in subscriptions recently has resulted less from a dissatisfaction with content and more from a lack of systematic promotion. While we can foresee that the promotion of a new magazine would carry with it the enthusiasm of freshness, we can also foresee a strong unfavorable reaction from that large segment of our Church membership who are already complaining that "we have too many Church magazines."

It is our considered judgment that we will move more rapidly toward a goal of an all-Church publication, going into the homes of a large majority of our Church families and competing successfully for readership against popular magazines, if we concentrate our energies toward improving and promoting *The Presbyterian Survey.* Such promotion cannot be successful without the wholehearted approval of General Assembly and the active support of ministers, officers of the church, Women of the Church and other lay leaders. We have therefore made the decision to continue *The Presbyterian Survey,* under its present name, and to make of it a magazine that all church members will want to read.

3. One of the handicaps of *The Presbyterian Survey* has been the long lapse of time required between the writing of articles and their appearance in the printed magazine. At the present time material must be submitted three months in advance of publication. A study of the time element involved in the mechanical aspects of publishing the magazine, and consultation with printers, has resulted in a time schedule which will shorten the period of publication by one month and twelve days. The Board of Directors has authorized arrangements for such a schedule to be set up at the end of the present printing contract.

4. Careful consideration has been given to the content of *The Presbyterian Survey.* Plans have been laid to broaden the scope of the magazine to fit into the changing perspectives of the lives of church members of today. Recommendations have been accepted to include news and information concerning men of the church, women of the church, and youth. All of the major emphases of our Church's program will continue to be presented in the Survey, as this material is vital to all Presbyterians. It has been recognized, however, that a more dynamic presentation can be effected through more careful attention to advance planning, more writing and reporting by trained editorial workers, and the securing of materials through paid free-lance writers. Such improvements as can be carried out by the present inadequate staff will be instituted without delay; however, most editorial improvements must await additions to the staff.

5. Similar careful study has been given to brightening the appearance of *The Presbyterian Survey.* Three typographical experts have prepared evaluations of the magazine, and their suggestions have been under consideration by the Editor. Some improvements in typography and layout have already been put into effect; others await an increased budget and an enlarged staff.

6. The Board of Directors likewise examined problems of promotion for *The Presbyterian Survey.* One of the great needs of the magazine is that of organized, well-planned, consistent promotion to increase readership, circulation and advertising. A number of minor suggestions for stimulating circulation and the sale of advertising have already been incorporated into the program of publishing. Here, too, as in regard to editorial content and layout, the vital need is for increased personnel.

7. It has been noted that major improvement in almost every aspect of *The Presbyterian Survey* rests upon additional manpower. The Board of Directors have been concerned and surprised to find out what small resources the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. has delegated for the publication of the magazine which must bear the major burden of educating and informing our membership at large about the Church,

its meaning and program. There is not a single person at present working full-time on *The Presbyterian Survey*, a monthly 64-page magazine. The editor can devote only 35 per cent of his time to the magazine, having other duties that take the rest. The editor-in-chief spends about 7 per cent of his time with *The Presbyterian Survey*, and another staff member 65 per cent. With such an allotment of time, the Board of Directors believe the present staff deserve high commendation for accomplishing what they have with the magazine. The most pressing need to achieve our objectives is additional personnel.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors recommends that a minimum staff of three full-time workers be provided, for the following positions:

a) Publishing Director: This person will supervise consistent promotion of circulation and readership, promote contacts with advertisers and furnish them with information about the market of *The Presbyterian Survey*, be responsible for printing arrangements and general business direction, and also will have an important voice in editorial policy.

b) The Editor: Upon the Editor will rest the primary responsibility for planning the contents of the magazine, securing materials and processing them. We believe that the Editor should spend part of his time away from the office, working with the various Boards and Agencies in the preparation of articles, and making other contacts with sources of material.

c) Assistant Editor: This staff member will be charged with processing materials for publication in the Survey, and with other duties as may be prescribed by the Publishing Director and the Editor.

The Board of Directors believes that three full-time competent persons will be sufficient for the beginning year or two of the new *Presbyterian Survey*, provided they are given sufficient secretarial help and further aid by members of the promotional departments of the Board of Christian Education. However, if *The Presbyterian Survey* does achieve the circulation for which we are aiming, we urge that further increases of staff be permitted. We believe that such increases can be supported by revenue from increased circulation.

The Board of Christian Education has already given approval on the first addition to the staff and has authorized the Board of Directors to proceed with the employment of a full-time Publishing-Director.

Recommendations

The above report shows the progress that has been made by the Board of Directors in carrying out the directives given to them by the 1953 meeting of General Assembly.

To implement the changes, we request the approval of General Assembly on the following recommendations:

1. That *The Presbyterian Survey* be re-planned, improved, and continued as the official publication of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., making use of the facilities of the Board of Christian Education, and continuing the Survey under the control of the Board of Directors as now constituted.

2. That any deficit which may accrue on the magazine in a fiscal year be paid, as in the past, on a pro-rata basis by the Church's boards and agencies; and that any profits will go into a reserve fund and be used for improving the magazine. (This makes no change from the provision approved by the 1953 Assembly.) Last year, the deficit of *The Presbyterian Survey* was $2,457. Given proper promotion, with content worthy of increased reader interest, *The Presbyterian Survey* may well double or triple its present circulation. Such an increase in circulation income would absorb all of the proposed increases in staff and layout improvements. However, in the next year or two, while the circulation increase is being promoted, heavier expenses should produce a heavier deficit.

3. That the Board of Directors proceed immediately to provide a staff of three full-time workers for *The Presbyterian Survey;* and that further increases of staff be left to the direction of the Board of Directors and the boards of the Church that will be financially responsible, and that such further increases be contingent upon need and upon offsetting increases in revenue.

4. That the General Assembly officially give its support to *The Presbyterian Survey* by endorsing "Survey Week—Official Presbyterian Magazine" as proposed by the General Council for Nov. 6-13.

5. That the General Assembly strengthen the promotion of *The Presbyterian Survey* in its effort to carry the program of our Church into every Presbyterian U.S. home by urging that all churches set up a session's committee consisting of an elder, a deacon and a representative of the Women of the Church to promote the use and circulation of *The Presbyterian Survey* through one or more of the following plans by:

a) Commending to church officers that they consider a plan of placing an amount in their budget sufficient to send *The Presbyterian Survey* into every home of their church.

b) Requesting the officers of each church to consider using a pledge card with an additional line indicating an additional pledge in the amount of a year's subscription to the Survey. This amount would be forwarded by the church and subscription would be sent into the home, or it would constitute authorization to the church to ask the Survey office to bill the individual and begin his subscription, whichever way the local church would elect to handle the pledge of subscription.

c) Making careful plans to bring the Survey to the attention of the congregation so that members purchase subscriptions. The Publishing Director of the Survey will provide promotional material from *The Presbyterian Survey* office for use by the session's committee.

d) Sending the name of the session's committee to *The Presbyterian Survey*, so that material can be supplied the committee, and so that help in checking reader interest and in supplying information from the local church suitable for use in stories for the Survey, is made available to its editors.

e) Taking special care to see that the session's committee functions as a joint responsibility of the three elements of the church represented in the committee, so that the sole responsibility for promoting the Survey is not thrust upon the women in the church alone. Such action would tend to prolong the misapprehension in some areas of the life of the Church, that *The Presbyterian Survey* is the women's publication.

6. That the General Assembly request the General Council to provide a special pledge card or cards carrying the subscription request described in 5-b above, so worded as to meet postal regulations.

7. That the members of the Board of Directors whose terms expire with the 1954 meeting of the General Assembly be reappointed; and that the one vacancy (occasioned by the failure of a nominee to accept) be filled by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. ROBERTS, *Chairman*

III. REPORTS OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE COOPERATIVE PUBLICATION OF THE CHURCH HYMNAL

We beg to report that your committee completed the work of selecting the content for our new hymnal, but it will be months before we can get any specific dates which can at all be depended on for the appearance of the book. The hymnbook typesetting is proceeding at the rate of approximately ten pages a week. This composition is being done by a firm which consists of a man, his wife, and one helper. They are the best

in this particular field, and while their work is of the highest quality, it is always done very slowly.

The following is quoted from the preface of the book:

"This interweaving of the strands of worship from five denominations, each with its own peculiar and precious heritage, has added immeasurable richness to the book. It has been responsible for the inclusion of many of the psalms in metre, a happy recovery of one of the great sources of strength of both the Genevan and the Scottish tradition. . . . This concerted effort of five Churches has also secured the admission of a representative body of so-called 'gospel songs,' which properly have a place in the devotional life of the Church. It has provided the working committee with a vast store of hymns and tunes from which to choose, out of the incredibly ample and ever-growing treasury of Christian hymnology. It has introduced helpful and stimulating viewpoints which might have been missed by a committee representing a narrower tradition. Though the task was made more complicated, and its pace reduced, by the necessary blending of these various elements, the Hymn Book is greatly the richer for this careful cooperative process.

"Nor has the process been merely the sifting of the old and accepted. A number of new hymns and tunes have been included, wrought out of the Christian faith and devotion of our own time. Several hymns have been provided with descants which add to their beauty and impressiveness. The harmonic structure of others has been improved, without doing violence to their accepted and cherished melodies. In some cases two tunes have been used with a particular text in order to preserve the melodies known and loved by several groups. Much effort has been expended to secure the one best version of those hymns which have suffered many alterations in the course of time.

"Other aids to worship have been amply provided in the form of responsive and unison readings from the Psalter and other scriptures, the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and suggested sentences and invocations for the use of the minister and the worshiping congregation."

The General Assembly may be assured that we are keeping right steadily on the job. We are hopeful that our task will be completed in time to present it to the General Assembly of 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT J. KISSLING, *Chairman.*

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2. REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MONTREAT COLLEGE

Our instructions were: "That this committee report to the 1954 Assembly as to the place of Montreat College in the educational program of our Church."

This committee met February 25 in Atlanta, with 10 of the 11 members present. Rev. C. Ellis Nelson wired his reason for non attendance. Dr. McGregor, President of Montreat College, attended the meeting on invitation of the Chairman. Dr. J. M. Godard, of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, had been asked to visit Montreat and give us an appraisal of the educational program being offered. Dr. Godard attended the meeting and made his report. Mr. F. L. Jackson, of Davidson, had been asked to visit Montreat and give us a report on the finances of the college. This report was in our hands. Dean Roger P. McCutcheon, of Tulane University, who is now conducting a study of institutions in the Synod of North Carolina, was present for a part of the day upon invitation of the Chairman, and made a brief statement to the committee. Two communications were before us, each signed by three graduates of Montreat College.

We spent eight hours in earnest, frank and amicable discussion, but were not able to reach any agreement "as to the place of Montreat College in the educational pro-

gram of our Church." The committee regretfully reports this to the General Assembly, and awaits any further instructions which the Assembly may deem it wise to give.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Cunningham
C. Grier Davis
Henry L. Hill
C. L. King
J. Cecil Lawrence
James G. Leyburn
P. D. Miller, *Chairman*
C. Ellis Nelson
Peyton N. Rhodes

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3. REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON WORLD MISSIONS

TO THE 1954 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT MONTREAT

(Note: This report was not adopted but was referred to the Board of World Missions for careful study and report to the next Assembly.—Stated Clerk)

The General Assembly of 1952 directed that:

> "An Ad Interim Committee of nine members be appointed by the Permanent Nominating Committee for the purpose of studying the whole missionary obligation and strategy of the Church in today's world, reporting its progress in 1953, and presenting its final report, if possible, in 1954."

The Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Asembly named the following persons as members of said committee:

Ministers: Thomas K. Young, Paul Tudor Jones, William E. Phifer, James I. McCord, and John A. Redhead, Jr., *Chairman; Lay Members*: Charles H. Watt, M. D., W. A. McCutchen, Douglas C. McRae, and Mrs. T. Smith Brewer. At the request of the committee, Dr. Frank W. Price was made a member by the 1953 General Assembly.

Your commitee has held five meetings for a total of eleven working days. On October 13 - 14, 1952, and February 9 - 10, 1953, meetings were held in Nashville, Tennessee. On both occasions members spent a part of their time in sessions of the Board and its committees, on invitation of the Board. Eight members were present on the first date, and five on the second.

On July 30 and 31 and on August 1, 4 and 5, the committee met in Montreat, with seven members present. Conferences were held with Dr. C. Darby Fulton, Dr. Charles Logan, Reverends James Cogswell, J. A. McAlpine, W. Warrington Preston and James Robinson. The latter is a Negro minister of New York. He is a member of Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and was one of the speakers at the Montreat Conference on World Missions.

The committee met again in New York City on November 30 and December 1 and 2.

All of the last two days were spent in conferences with leaders of the World Mission enterprise representing various agencies. A list of these persons and their positions follows:

Dr. Geo. W. Carpenter, Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions;

Dr. Roland M. Cross and Rev. Wallace Marvin, Far Eastern Joint Office of Division of Foreign Missions;

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, president of the Board of the Japan International Christian University;

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.;

Dr. John Coventry Smith, a secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.;

Dr. John W. Decker, of the International Missionary Council;

Dr. Franklin D. Cogswell, of the Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches;

Dr. Luther A. Gotwald and Rev. Bruce Copeland, Administrative Council of the Division of Foreign Missions;

Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, of the Methodist Board of World Missions;

Miss Mary Ferguson, of the United Board of Christian Colleges in China;

Dr. Frank Graham, elder in Presbyterian Church, U. S., and United Nations Mediator for India and Pakistan;

Dr. Samuel M. Cavert and Dr. Roy G. Ross, President and President-elect of the World Council of Churches.

Five of the minister-members of the committee were present. They spent the evenings of those three days in further work upon their assignment.

A final meeting was held in Atlanta on March 17, 1954, with five members present. Also present, on invitation of the committee, were Dr. James A. Jones, Dr. William M. Elliott, and Dr. Henry Edward Russell. These men had been appointed by the Board to confer with the committee, if such consultation were deemed desirable.

At its meeting in Nashville on February 9, 1953, the committee directed that a letter be sent to all ministers and missionaries of our Church, stating the action of the General Assembly in appointing this committee and requesting them "to share with the committee any convictions they might have regarding the world missionary enterprise of our Church."

The committee wishes to express its thanks to all who responded. A total of 273 replies were received, 122 from ministers and 51 from missionaries. One of these letters contained twenty-nine pages of single-spaced typewritten material. All letters were carefully read, their suggestions summarized, and presented to the committee.

In addition to the sessions of the plenary committee, sub-committees worked independently and submitted reports in the following areas:

1. Emphasis on World Missions in our Seminaries;
2. Location of the Offices of the Board of World Missions;
3. Organization and Administration of the Staff of the Board of World Missions;

Your committee has taken a positive approach to its assignment and has sought to make its work as beneficial to the Church as possible.

On the basis of their study the members of the committee offer their report under the following heads:

I. A Survey of Factors in the Changing World Situation Confronting the Christian Missions.

II. The Missionary Obligation of the Church

III. A Survey of the Present Situation and Policy in our Church

- A. At the Home Base
- B. On the Fields Abroad

IV. Recommendations.

I. Our World

Today's world is a changing world, and no one but an ostrich can fail to see in this ferment certain factors which affect the Christian Mission. Some of these factors are cultural, some ecclesiastical, some economic and some political.

There is a rapid awakening of old civilizations in Asia. There is a stirring of tribal peoples in Africa and Oceania. The rising nationalism and mounting racial consciousness on many continents are often extreme. There is resentment in many parts of the world against western exploitation and aggression in the past and domination by the

white man over colored races. There is a decline of colonialism and evidence that, in its old form, it will disappear within a generation. There is increasing travel between countries and mutual influence of cultures. The two-way traffic in commercial and cultural relations is extending also to Christian relations. More and more Christian leaders from other lands, including mission lands, will visit our country and our churches.

Other factors have to do more specifically with the Church. There is an acceptance of Communism in some quarters as a judgment upon the failures of the Christian Church. The involvement of Christian missions in aggressive policies of western government or with competitive capitalism and the war system has at times weakened the Christian witness. There is the development of the ecumenical movement as a direct outgrowth of the missionary enterprise. "Younger churches" desire more independence, and in some countries tension exists in mission-church relations. There is China where the door has been closed, and the lessons to be learned from China for work in other lands. There are denominational differences, and especially the problem of missionary "sects" which are separatist or divisive. There is the danger of paternalism on the part of western missionaries working in Asia, Latin America or Africa, and inadequate identification with the life and needs of the peoples served. Added to these is the problem related to mission property: of its proper relation within the total missionary enterprise and its transfer to the indigenous church.

In addition to cultural and ecclesiastical factors, there is the economic side of the picture. The missionary program of the Christian Church today is supported largely by churches in western lands with higher income and living standards and is carried on among less privileged peoples with a lower income level. This causes economic inequalities between missions and indigenous churches which are sometimes a serious problem. There is the rapid spread of Communism and its exploitation of "sore spots" such as: hunger, unemployment, social restlessness, political chaos and anti-western feelings. There is the development of American technical assistance and the relation between Point Four and other such programs to the total missionary enterprise. And there is the coming struggle in Africa with the inevitable demand for economic freedom that will certainly come within a generation.

Finally, there are factors arising from the sphere of the political. There is the struggle between the two worlds on either side of the "iron curtain", with some nations trying to remain neutral. There is the conflict between totalitarian imperialism and what we call a "free and open society." There is the growth of welfare states even in democratic countries. There is the persecution of Protestants and their churches in some countries by Roman Catholics or Catholic governments; and the lack of religious liberty and intolerance in certain mission lands. There is the work of the United Nations, and the relation of Christian Missions to some of its purposes and programs.

These are some of the factors in today's world which call us to a new study of World Christian Missions.

From Our World we turn next to our Obligation.

II. OUR OBLIGATION

(I.)

In the summer of 1947 the third world conference of the International Missionary Council met in Whitby, Ontario. The meeting was called, soon after the close of World War II, to study the missionary enterprise of the Church as it existed after many years of war and revolution. This review of mission work around the world was the first by a world conference of missionary leaders since the Madras Conference in 1938. It was necessary to survey the damage and disruption occasioned by the war, to assess urgent needs, and to plan policy and strategy. While much was accomplished at Whitby and many far-reaching plans resulted, as early as 1948 it became apparent that one topic of crucial importance had been neglected. The advance of the World Mission of the Church depended not alone on recouping losses in personnel and property, and not alone on the enunciation of sound policies that took into account

"a world in ferment." It depended even more on a renewed understanding of the basis of mission work. Hence, another conference was called to meet in Willingen, Germany, in the summer of 1952. The theme of the Willingen meeting was "The Missionary Obligation of the Church."

The plan of world missionary leaders to study the basis of missionary obligation was not occasioned chiefly by the desire for increased offerings in personnel and funds. The adoption of the Willingen theme was no trick to win from the churches a few more missionaries and a few more dollars. Deeper issues were at stake. An understanding of the missionary obligation of the Church was fundamental for an understanding of what the mission of the Church is today. A recovery of true perspective about missionary obligation was vital for a recovery of a sense of urgency about the missionary task and would have implications for the character and spirit of all missionary activity. So reasoned those to whom the leadership of world missions has been entrusted.

But what are the compelling reasons that thrust the re-study of missions upon us in this hour? The most obvious cause grows out of the character of the world in which we live. The closing of China to missions is both a somber fact and a portentous symbol of what may well be a recurring pattern in the years ahead in other lands that have long been open to missionary activity. Accelerated pressures, diminution of the missionaries' freedom, revived ethnic religions, and rising nationalisms are parts of the contemporary picture. In the face of this situation there is a disturbing lack of conviction in our own land concerning the relevance of missions or their central place in the Church's purpose. Rather, taking alarm at the present frustrations and future uncertainties, many have exhibited a tendency to withdraw from the missionary enterprise, curtail operations and expenses, wait for the dust to settle, and after the world has righted itself go back to missions as usual. Such a view misses completely the responsibilities and opportunities coincident to the passing of the context of missions as we have known them. It reveals little grasp of the urgency of the Gospel, of time in which to labor foreshortened.

Another cause for the re-study of missionary obligations stems from the conclusion that missions, after a century and a half of tremendous expansion, have become static, with the "sending churches" involved overmuch in supporting long-established institutions, rather than being on the frontier, actively assuming the initiative in opening new doors and developing wider areas for the Christian witness.

A third contributing factor is the vitality of Biblical and theological studies in the Church today. While this has produced a deeper apprehension of the nature of the Gospel and its relation to God's continuing activity and purpose, it has not, as Dr. Goodall has reminded us, "become related, with sufficient explicitness, to the missionary calling of the Church . . . it is evident that much (has) yet to be done before some of the most distinctive theological insights of our time (can) contribute to the re-formulation of a 'theology of missions.' "[1]

A fourth factor compelling a re-thinking of missionary obligation today is the development of an ecumenical consciousness throughout Non-Roman Christendom. From its official inception in Edinburgh in 1910 this movement toward unity has been closely allied to missions, growing out of the missionary movement and deriving much of its life from the experiences of the younger churches. To those on the front line of missionary endeavor the "calling of the Church to mission and unity" is more than a catch-phrase. It is the serious response to the prayer of our Lord "that they all may be one . . . that the world may believe."

In total commitment to the One Mission, the Church must seek to express in her life and worship the will of her Lord. "For to what end did Christ come," wrote John Calvin in his *Commentary on Hebrews*, "except to collect us all into one body from that dispersion in which we are now wandering. Therefore, the nearer His coming is, the more we ought to labor that the scattered may be assembled and united together,

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[1] Norman Goodall, *Missions under the Cross*, p. 11

that they may be one fold and one shepherd."[2] Such a commitment forces one back to the Christological foundation of the Church's mission as the instrument of God's glory and witness to His redeeming power and love.

(II.)

To affirm the Christological foundation of the Church's mission is not to minimize the truth that missionary activity has its source in the Triune God. Rather, it is to insist on the central place of Jesus Christ in God's sovereign purpose. God the Father has not abandoned His creation nor has he ceased from His activity. History is the arena of His purpose, the sphere of His redemptive action. History exists as the product of God's patience, in order that He may restore sinful man to lost fellowship with his Creator in a life of obedience and service.

Jesus Christ is the revelation of God's purpose, as He will be the consummation. Thus Paul wrote to the Galatians that "when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (4:4-5). The Son came in the fulness of God's time. So, when His public ministry began, it was with the proclamation: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand." (Mark 1:15). All time belongs to God, its sovereign Lord. It is in His hand for Him to dispose. It follows that all history has a divinely fixed structure and that Jesus Christ is the revelation of its meaning. Christians take this to be the heart of the Gospel: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). Again, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." (II Cor. 5:19).

Jesus Christ is at once the climax of God's outgoing love and of His method of dealing with sin. The Gospel is the "good news" that God has acted "once-for-all" in our behalf, doing for sinful man what he could never have performed for himself. It is the demonstration that, through faith, that which was accomplished "once-for-all" in Christ may be realized in the life of the believer. The old man is crucified with Christ; a new life is born. And this birth means taking on a new allegiance and becoming a member of a new community—the Church—which is the body of Christ and the living witness to his redeeming love.

Only in the light of the Church's relation to God's purpose in Jesus Christ can we understand her mission. The same Scripture that bears witness to the Incarnation also affirms that Christ will come again in triumph and glory. "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." (Colossians 1:19-20). As Professor Manson has recently written, "the World-Missions of the Church has stepped into the interval dividing the Incarnation of the Lord from the Age of Glory."[1]

To be the Church is, perforce, to be missionary. There is no alternative. The motive of the Christian mission is not primarily our weak love for God or man but God's perfect love for us and mankind as revealed in his Son. "For the love of Christ constraineth us." (II Cor. 5:14). Mission rests upon the missionary character of the Gospel and the missionary purpose of history. It is the consuming passion of those who, through eyes of faith, perceive that behind the changing kaleidoscope of historical realities there runs one holy purpose which will find its ultimate fulfillment "when (Christ) shall have delivered up the kingdom of God, even the Father. (I Cor. 15:24). But "the Gospel must first be published among all nations." (Mark 13:10). The missionary Church is on the line of God's purpose for humanity, and integral part of the whole redemptive process. To her is committed the ministry of reconciliation. She bears witness to the One who is the Saviour of the body and the source of her life and message. As her life derives from her Head, so she is sent as a witness to

[2] 10.25 quoted by T. F. Torrance in *Eschatology*, p. 62.

[1] *Eschatology*, p. 16

the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Commissioned by her Lord out of the love of God for His creatures, she hastens, as it were, to meet her Lord in expectancy, in the confidence that her mission is a part of His mission to lost humanity. "The lordship of the living Christ is thus the point of departure for the missionary activity of the Church whose Head Christ is."

What is true of the Church is true also for its members. Missionary obligation is the spontaneous reflex of faith. A Christian does not become a new man in Christ and then think of reasons why he should be a missionary. While there is a Great Commission directed to all Christians, missionary obligation would be nonetheless compelling did the text not exist. The person who has to derive a sense of mission from some other analysis will never be a true missionary. A Christian is a missionary because he has been missionized by Christ. He makes Christ known because he has become known by a living Lord. He does not possess the Gospel. The Gospel has possessed him, and "woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel!" Missionary obligation is the opportunity incumbent on all Christians. There is no place for the assumption that some Christians are called to missions and others are not. Every Christian is a missionary, dynamically related to the One Mission, or he is not a Christian. Thus the whole Church is a missionary fellowship and all church members are apostles (sent ones). Consequently, there is no distinction between Church and missions. The Church is first and last a missionary body. It does not have a missionary wing; it *is* God's missionary wing in the world.

(III.)

Missionary obligation is obligation in the world. The missionary (the Christian) does not stand over against the world in superior self-righteousness, but in it, identifying himself with it in its disorder. God made one world. He made humanity to be one, with varieties of environment, inheritance, culture and language within the essential unity of the human race. Divisions caused by pride, prejudice, superstition, hatred and war are not the purpose of God but the work of sinful man. And the missionary acknowledges his involvement in the world's disorder. He identifies himself with mankind and mediates to others the life and freedom that have come to him through God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Our task is not to establish Southern Presbyterian colonies in the world but to be sensitive and obedient to God's will for His world in our time, praying that our Church may be one instrument of His holy purpose and redeeming love. We are at the beginning not the end of our missionary enterprise. Our witness must be through a Church which is true to her Founder and Head, a Church of the people not a limited corporation, a Church without castes and classes within, without national and racial discriminations, a Church that is in truth the "holy common people of God," an unbreakable Christian community within the broken world community which still defies the redeeming and reconciling purpose of God.

As a Church we must move forward to new missionary frontiers, new frontiers of faith. When the first General Assembly convened in 1861, it bore eloquent witness to this sense of mission in words that have long set the tone of our communion. "The General Assembly desires distinctly and deliberately to inscribe on our Church's banner, as she now first unfurls it to the world, in immediate connection with the Headship of her Lord, His last command: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature;' regarding this as the great end of her organization, and obedience to it as the indispensable condition of her Lord's promised presence, and as one great comprehensive object, a proper conception of whose vast magnitude and grandeur is the only thing which, in connection with the love of Christ, can ever sufficiently arouse her energies and develop her resources, so as to cause her to carry on, with the vigor and efficiency which true fealty to her Lord demands, those other agencies necessary to her internal growth and home prosperity. The claims of this cause ought, therefore, to be kept constantly before the minds of our people and pressed upon their consciences."

We are living in the midst of God's *kairos*. Ours is a time that is related to God's

purpose and its fulfillment. It is a time of judgment and also of opportunity. All the difficulties that we face, all the dangers that confront us, all the weaknesses of the Church as it is, do not discourage us. We preach not ourselves but Jesus Christ the Lord of life and death. We claim for Him the kingdoms of this world. We are witnesses to the kingdom that has come and that will come. We take our place as a church on the line of God's purpose and move forward in confidence of Christ our King. Impelled by a sense of urgency, we welcome the opportunities that God now provides to bear witness to a baffled and distraught world of the victory over the forces of evil and of the order that God ordained for His creation.

III. OUR CHURCH

A. AT HOME

In the light of our changing World and our changeless Obligation, we need continually to study our Church's policies which determine her strategy. In this section we propose to have a look, first, at Our Church At Home, and then at Our Church Abroad.

One of the most important areas of the whole mission endeavor is that of the seminaries here at home. Unless proper and adequate training is offered through these institutions we will not be able to keep abreast of the changing times in which we find ourselves. Three of our four seminaries have full-time professors of missions, and these men are making a very real contribution to the broader aspects of the missionary cause. It is no reflection upon their ability when we call attention to the fact that the missions courses which are being offered in our seminaries are not reaching the majority of our students. The required courses are taken, because the seminary so directs, but many of the young men in these institutions graduate into active pastorates without an adequate global conception of the gospel. Their interest in missions is lukewarm because they have not caught a vision of the possibilities of making the Great Commission into reality. None is lacking in the conviction that this is an important part of the work of the ministry but the enthusiasm has not been sufficiently fired to bring results that might normally be expected.

As important as it is that we challenge strong men with the calls which the fields abroad offer, it is also of the utmost importance that we find ways and means of increasing the interest and support of those who remain in this country as pastors of our churches. The enterprise of World Missions cannot be supported unless the pastors of our churches here at home feel a continuing obligation laid upon them to lead their congregations to an adequate support of the program. Amid the multiple calls that are made upon the modern pastor, that of World Missions should enjoy a certain preeminence which can come only as a minister has a solid foundation laid during his preparatory years in the seminary. The vision of the ecumenical church must be presented in such fashion that men who are preparing to preach the Gospel of Christ have a full realization of the scope of the task to which they have committed themselves. Whether a man serve the Lord Jesus Christ in this country, or some other, the obligation is of the same nature, and demands the same faithfulness. The studies of your committee suggest some rather convincing evidence that the interest of the home pastors is not as acute as it ought to be if the cause of World Missions is to succeed in reaching the goal set before it by the Master himself.

To this end it is imperative that our seminaries approach this problem with eyes open to the situation in which the world finds itself today. Courses in missions must be oriented to life as it is in our world, and must increasingly present the everlasting truth that Christ is the answer. The fundamental courses that have formed the basis of seminary curricula in the past cannot be neglected, but adequate places of importance must be found for the new approaches that are needed in the study of the missionary endeavor. Our students must be made to see the relevance of the Gospel to a revolutionary age, the methods whereby we may increase the effectiveness of our presentation of the Good News to whose who have not yet heard it, and the supreme necessity of continuing this task above all others in which the Church engages. The

missions professor should be a full professor, on equal footing with all others on the faculty. He, in turn, should realize the immediacy of his calling in such manner that he present the mission courses in as attractive and challenging a way as possible, relating the effectiveness of the eternal Gospel to the changes of our era.

Such emphasis placed upon the importance of the cause should find a fertile field in the minds and hearts of the young men who are preparing for a lifetime of service. This should have a very real effect upon the work of the Candidate Department of our World Missions Board. Those consecrated men and women who are rendering invaluable service in the far corners of our earth need to have the forces augmented by the strongest possible recruits, and it could be that a more definite emphasis by the seminaries on the cause as a whole would have a very real effect upon this problem. For it has not always been easy to find the best men to volunteer for service abroad. That we have as good a force as we do in the various fields is evidence of the untiring work of the Candidate Department of our Board. Hundreds of young people receive literature regularly presenting the cause of World Missions; the correspondence list of the Candidate Secretary contains names of possible recruits from all over our Church; great conferences, such as that held at Auburn, Alabama, last December, stir the interest and enthusiasm of many young people. But with all this we do not always manage to get the finest and best of our Christian young people to volunteer their lives for service abroad. We would suggest that in the recruiting of candidates, opportunities among high school as well as college-age students should be considered.

Several suggestions have come to your committee that men be called to specific fields of service just as they now are called to churches in this country. This would not eliminate entirely the volunteer method of recruiting missionaries but it would tend to call to the attention of some of the strong young men who are ready to preach the Gospel that the cause knows no boundaries of any sort, and that a call to serve in Brazil, or Africa or Mexico, may be just as surely a voice from God as a call to serve in North Carolina or Georgia. That there are many difficulties which would have to be overcome in such a procedure is readily admitted but there are certain advantages that might well make the suggestions worthy of serious study on the part of the Board. The ecumenical mind is growing upon the whole church and this type of call doubtless would make a ready appeal to many of our better students of today.

With the increasing importance of the artificial barriers that have been erected by the color question, several of the Mission Boards of today are using Negroes as missionaries, especially in the Far East. The soundness of the venture has already made itself apparent in the experience of these other Boards, and the opportunity thus offered to our own beloved Church is one that should not be neglected. We have a ready precedent in the matter as we recall the magnificent work of Sheppard in Africa, when our Church was first beginning its missionary enterprise. Today no single factor could so impress the minds and hearts of the Oriental concerning the oneness of all men in Jesus Christ as our willingness to use men of another color for the most important work of the Church. White men sending black men to teach yellow men the facts of God's redemption in Jesus Christ would make real to all our belief that "In him there is no distinction of persons, but all are one in Jesus Christ."

One of the areas of missionary programs to which much attention should be directed is that of the training of our people whom we send abroad. A seminary education must be supplemented by some extra instruction if our missionaries are to be as fully equipped for their task as it is possible. Especially does this apply to the opportunities that are being offered today to share in the interdenominational schools that are being held for outgoing missionaries. While the training that is offered at Montreat during the Missionary Conference each summer is highly important, and should not be done away with but rather strengthened, there is also a definite need that the men and women who have volunteered their lives for the difficult tasks abroad should have the opportunity of a fellowship and period of study with those from other churches who have dedicated themselves to the same type of service. An

excellent school of this nature is being held at Meadville, Pennsylvania. The school operates for six weeks in the summer, is run by the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council, and includes representatives from all the major denominations, except our Presbyterian Church, U. S., the reason for our non-cooperation having been given as a conflict with our own Montreat School. This should not be a difficult matter to resolve in order that our new appointees might have the advantage of sharing in this interdenominational project. Unless these people who are going out to foreign fields have an adequate appreciation of the ecumenicity that is abroad today they will find their work greatly hampered when they arrive at their stations. The type of school which is held at Meadville is a very real and potent factor in the instilling of a proper world outlook. As a supplement, and not a substitute, to the work being done at our Montreat school it is invaluable.

Much of the future of World Missions will be determined by the financial support which is given by the churches to the program. Doubtless the reasons for the apparent decline in interest in the cause, as suggested by the decrease in benevolent giving to it, are complex and deserve careful study before drawing any conclusions that might be unwarranted by the facts. But we cannot escape the real truth that World Missions cannot now be said to be the primary interest of the Church, as evidenced by the figures. In 1920 World Missions received 67% of the General Assembly's Causes, and 32% of the total amount of the benevolent money given by the denomination. 1925 saw these figures slip to 49% and 24% respectively. In 1930 they built up again to 67% and 34%. But from 1930 on there has been a steady decline in percentages received by this cause, and while the total amount in dollars has increased we all are perfectly aware that this does not represent a real increase in purchasing power. The percentages have changed from 67% of General Assembly causes and 34% of all causes in the year 1930 to 32% of General Assembly causes and 16% of all causes in the year 1950. Fortunately, we can report an increase for 1953 to 45% of General Assembly causes and 20% of all causes. The figures, which may be obtained in any copy of the annual report of the treasurer, are worthy of the most careful study on the part of those who are sincerely interested in the success of the World Missions program. It is impossible to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes" if the Board does not have the money with which to carry out the projects assigned to it. The Church, as a whole, must be made to realize that the responsibility lies heavily upon each individual organization to make sure that this cause does not suffer in these troublous times.

There appear to be two sources from which additional funds might be secured. The giving of churches to faith missions and foreign missionary causes not endorsed by our Assembly should be discouraged, and these gifts channeled to the work of our Board. Within the budget for world missions which must be raised each year there is certainly a place for special objects and appeals for definite projects which will help to stimulate personal interest and increase the sense of direct participation in the work of our different mission fields.

A misconception has often arisen in regard to the reserve funds of the Board. A careful study of the treasurer's report will indicate that the reserve is not nearly so large as the uninformed have sometimes thought it to be. Althought the latest report shows an endowment fund totalling $2,821,253.94, it must be borne in mind that about half of the income from this fund must be returned to annuitants under the agreements already made with them, or to other individuals under various special agreements. The actual reserve fund of the Board amounts to $480,000.00. This fund is to be used only in case of extreme emergency, but is essential to the ordinary operation of any business of the size of our World Missions enterprise. In fact, after the most careful consideration of the matter your committee is inclined to feel that the fund is inadequate to meet the demand that might be made upon it, which is verified by comparison with the reserve funds of World Mission Boards in other denominations, and would strongly urge that it be increased as rapidly as possible. *It should be pointed out that no contributions from churches or individuals are used to increase the reserve fund.* Those increases are made from surplus legacy funds or from extra interest that the investment of funds, held more or less tempo-

rarily, are able to earn. A fund of $140,000.00 is established in order to get away from the practice of paying pensions to missionaries from the current income.

A study of the practices used in the treasurer's office indicates that sound business methods are being followed and any criticism of the financial aspect of the World Missions program should be directed at the Church as a whole for its failure to undergird this work with as generous contributions as the necessity demands. Active pastors and laymen have a direct responsibility thrust upon them in the enlarging of the activities of the Board.

Some of the ablest men within our Church are serving on the Board of World Missions. The Church in general has confidence in our Board and gives it loyal support. However, from certain sections of the Church, representing we surmise about one-third of our membership, come pertinent questions regarding our mission policies and methods and the express desire for certain improvements and changes.

In the field of public relations care should be taken at all times to maintain the confidence of the people. Especially is it important to make clear to the churches the policy of the Board regarding "designated funds".

The annual reports of the Board are excellent in content and style and furnish much interesting and inspiring information for the Church. Also needed are studies and evaluations that dig in at some of the major problems in our missionary program and set new goals and tasks before us.

The personal relationships between the Board and our foreign missionaries are good. These have been marked by the "family atmosphere of a small fellowship". It is important that all points of view among our missionaries be given consideration by the Board and that its members counsel frequently with our missionaries not only on their personal problems, but also as they meet the new and complicated issues confronting world missions today.

In theory the Board grants each mission a large measure of "autonomy". But, just as presbyteries have special functions but are not entirely autonomous, so each mission should work out its policies with relation to the whole Church of which it is a part. The experience of other mission fields and of other churches should be made available to each mission and the Board, representing the home Church, should give wise and helpful guidance so that there may be a consistent policy on all fields, and the most fruitful results be obtained.

In principle the missions are separate from the indigenous churches. In practice there is much interaction and collaboration. Since the mission still exists and missionaries still work alongside the growing younger church, missionary influence cannot be avoided. This may be paternalistic or it may be constructive and in the spirit of partnership. Many mission boards are moving away from a rigid conception of mission-church separation to a more integrated program. The transfer from mission to church emphasis, from unilateral mission effort to partnership, from denominational to ecumenical, demands wisdom, faith and charity. Transfer of administrative tasks, property ownership and financial responsibilities to the national churches is far from easy. If, as in Latin America, the missionaries turn from work in the national churches to pioneering evangelism, they find that they need the advice and help of Christian nationals. The whole question of mission-church relations calls for fresh study and experiment. It is increasingly important that the advice of these Christian nationals in other countries be sought by our Board in the working out of policies and plans. We must plan now with the churches of other countries and not simply for them.

In all mission fields, especially in the Congo, policies which would encourage self-support need to be strengthened. Vital in the building up of indigenous churches are Christian education through the family and the churches, better theological education, and regular training in Christian stewardship.

The following trends in our world missionary program are highly commended and should be further strengthened: Agricultural missions and missionaries for service in rural communities and churches; audio-visual education, teaching of literacy and development of Christian literature programs; training of lay leadership.

The interest in India and the Moslem world among many of our youth should be encouraged by directing their attention to the work of our sister communions in these areas, the Presbyterian Churches USA and UP. If any of our missionary candidates decide to serve under these Boards we should maintain our bonds with them and make the information and inspiration of their reports available to our Church.

The excellent foreign missions program of the United Presbyterian Church in Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan and India, should be more widely publicized throughout our Church. This will widen our vision and give us a sense of participating in missionary witness throughout the world.

The Overseas Relief and Church Aid program carried on under our Board not only meets urgent needs around the world and expresses our Christian sympathy, but brings us spiritual blessing beyond measure and therefore should be enlarged through the coming years.

The administration, composed of the various secretaries and employees, is far-sighted and consecrated to the establishment of the Kingdom of our Lord. At times there may appear to be an extreme conservatism, which is out of harmony with the majority of our Church, or an unwillingness to cooperate in all areas with other Boards and agencies, which does not seem to be the mind of our Church, but oftentimes these things are more apparent than real. The administrative staff and Board membership are heavily weighted with persons whose connections have been with the Far East. While the committee does not imply that such weighting of the Board has adversely affected the mission endeavor in other parts of the world, it does not feel this is good policy.

We would reaffirm our complete confidence in the Board, as it is now constituted, and in the administrative staff, with the suggestion that the ecumenical mind, which is so dominant in our world situation today, at all times be kept tuned to the progress which the Church of Jesus Christ could be making in our distraught generation. With strong men guiding our World Missions affairs, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we shall go forward until the name of Christ is known from "the river to the ends of the earth."

III. OUR CHURCH

B. ABROAD

Details about the work of our missions and missionaries in our eight fields may be found in the excellent Annual Reports of the Board, articles by our Board Secretaries and missionaries on the field and the addresses of missionaries on furlough. These naturally stress the encouraging aspects of our work.

What seems necessary now is a frank facing of the problems and difficulties on each field and a fresh study of policies and methods so that we may move forward in our missionary effort and secure an even larger measure of understanding, sympathy and support from the home Church.

(i) *Africa*

Tremendous industrial and commercial changes are now taking place in the Belgian Congo. New occupations are open to natives, the people are flocking to the cities, and the standard of living is rising. All of these changes affect the former missionary program which was projected upon a lower economic scale than government enterprise. In the past our missionary work has been largely rural. Now we must follow up the increasing number of Christians moving to urban centers, and also consider how to meet the special moral and spiritual needs of all the people in these large population areas, such as Leopoldville. The growing disparity between salaries of government and industrial employees, on the one hand, and salaries of native pastors and workers on the other, presents a constant and growing problem.

The Congo is part of the awakening Africa and social changes are taking place which are a part of the revolution beginning on that continent. There are increasing moral problems, such as drinking and sexual immorality, with the breakdown of tribal sanctions and flux of population. Roman Catholics are more lenient and Protestant

missionaries stricter in church discipline. Such different attitudes toward these problems create confusion.

One of the greatest opportunities, yet most serious problem today, is education. The people are clamoring for schools and educational standards are rising. Yet the government has no tax-supported public schools, nor does it have the staff to man them. Therefore it "farms out" education to Roman Catholic and Protestant missions, giving subsidies from 50 to 80 per cent for teachers' salaries and equipment. Missions schools provide religious and character-training which state schools could or would not, yet the total task is greater than all missions together can hope to undertake. The chief difficulties in the present situation are: (1) Increasing cost of education to the missions in the Congo, even with government subsidies. (2) Disparities between rising salaries of school teachers and preachers' salaries. (3) Growing difficulty of securing strong Christian teachers in the schools. (4) Time required of missionaries for educational supervision. (5) Protestant schools are in direct competition with Roman Catholic schools which accept subsidies without question. (6) The present situation can be regarded only as transitional. Meanwhile missionary staff in the field of education should be rapidly replaced by African staff, and mission responsibility be supplanted by church responsibility. But this is not easy to accomplish.

There is urgent need for higher education—college, normal and theological—to produce trained leaders of high quality. In the Congo this task is too large for any one Mission; and training abroad would have to be in Europe rather than in America. The training of better qualified leaders from among the Congo people would seem a wiser policy than the sending of American Negro missionaries to Africa, who would be as foreign to them as the white missionary.

There is great need for stronger native leadership, for the Congo is our largest missions field, with 70,000 native converts and the number continues to grow rapidly. We have 150 missionaries serving here, but only 48 ordained native pastors and three organized churches.

The spirit of dependence on the part of native church leaders is retarding progress toward self-government, self-support and self-extension. Another aspect of the problem is that our work is in the colony of a European power, and the Belgian government is suspicious when Africans assume too much leadership in any organization. Yet our mission policy is to develop indigenous leadership and self-support. Neither is it easy to transfer church properties purchased by the mission to native churches or church courts, yet some steps toward this end must be taken.

The wide gap between the economic standards, housing and other benefits, and social customs of the missionary and the native church leaders seems inevitable, yet raises constant problems. In the present world situation the question of identification of the missionary with the people he serves becomes ever more urgent.

Our Congo mission has been free from theological controversies and the spirit of cooperation with over forty other missionary societies has been very fine. This is exemplified in the Congo Protestant Council and in the emerging Church of Christ in the Congo. As we look forward, this cooperation should be strengthened. At the same time it would seem wise that there be a Congo Church Council under African leadership with the missionary Protestant Council serving as its advisor.

Preparation is necessary for any tests and crises that may come. All possible exigencies should be considered—political or economic change, revolution, situations unfavorable for mission work and religious freedom—in order that the African Church might be prepared to meet them and to grow stronger in its faith and spiritual life.

Many missionaries feel the need for a long-range policy of mission work there, in view of changing conditions and new problems.

(ii) *Japan*

After V-J Day a wonderful new opportunity for Christians was presented in Japan with wide open doors for evangelism and an unprecedented spiritual receptiveness on the part of the Japanese people. Now the tide of interest in Christianity is ebbing but there is still great freedom in Christian missionary work and in the preaching and program of the Japanese churches.

Our mission re-established work in Japan as soon as possible after the war, along with other missions. Unfortunately the total number of foreign missionary societies working in Japan is twice as large as before the War, giving the marked impression of Protestant disunity in the missionary approach to Japan.

Japan enjoyed a somewhat artificial prosperity during the Korean War. Now the end of the war and gradual withdrawal of American aid is causing new economic problems. Japan is being forced to seek markets for her industrial products and circumstances will sooner or later compel trade with Communist China.

Pro-Communist sentiment and anti-American feeling exist in Japan though hard to measure. It is estimated that 40 per cent of government university students are leftists or pro-Communist. A million Communist votes were cast in the last election. However, there are also some strong inner forces against Communism. The situation is fluid.

The program of our Mission in Japan continues to be a strongly mission-centered program.

For certain reasons the policy of the Japan Mission is far more isolationist in relation to other Christian groups and the theological emphasis is more reactionary than on our other mission fields. In these respects the predominant policy and theological outlook of the Japan Mission does not seem to be in full harmony with that of the home Church.

Before World War II our mission was affiliated with the Nihon Kirisuto Kyokai (The Church of Christ in Japan which was basically Reformed in doctrine). It had about 75,000 members of whom 20,000 came from churches founded by our Mission. During World War II there was formed under government pressure a federation of eleven church bodies called the Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan (also translated as The Church of Christ in Japan and popularly known as the Kyodan). Since the War some groups have withdrawn, but the Kyodan—now a voluntary union—still numbers about 150,000 church members or about two-thirds of the Protestant communicants of Japan. It is composed of Methodists, Congregationalists, about three-fourths of the former Nihon Kirisuto Kyokai group, and some indigenous groups.

Early in 1946 the Synod of the Reformed Church in Japan was organized with two presbyteries, twelve churches and eight ministers with a total of three to four hundred members who had withdrawn from the Kyodan. The ministers had been strongly influenced by reactionary seminaries outside our own denomination. The Reformed Church now has three presbyteries, with about 40 churches, 30 ministers, and close to 3000 members. The church relationships of our Japan Mission are largely limited to the new Reformed Church. There should be more cooperation and encouragement given the Kyodan which the majority of Christians, formerly connected with our mission program, have entered. The Kyodan is feeling its way as a national church, working slowly to write its own creed, launching evangelistic campaigns and facing many problems. According to the 1951 statistics the Kyodan had 1,480 churches, 1,356 ministers and 151,965 members, an increase of 12,000 over the previous year.

The Japan Mission voted not to cooperate with the Japan International Christian University and this policy was supported by the Board of World Missions. (The General Assembly of 1950 approved the action of the Board and the 1951 and 1952 Assemblies reaffirmed this action. Chairman). (JICU opened officially in 1953, having raised about 3 million dollars in the U. S. and about half a million dollars (U. S. currency) in Japan.) Prior to the consideration of JICU, the Japan Mission decided to establish a new college, Shikoku Gakuin, a liberal arts college for men in Zentsuji, Kagawa Prefecture on the Island of Shikoku which has about four million population. This was opened in 1950, having received about $170,000 from Program of Progress Funds, and is given an annual grant of $17,000 in mission funds. The latest report showed ten faculty members and about thirty students. The College is closely identified with the small Reformed Church mentioned above. It has not secured recognition from the Japanese Government, and a much stronger faculty and larger equipment will be necessary to secure recognition.

Our Japan Mission supports the Reformed Church Seminary with six missionary and Japanese professors and 18 students. The Orthodox Presbyterians also cooperate

with this Seminary. Program of Progress Funds were used in the rehabilitation of the former Presbyterian Seminary buildings at Kobe and the present institution receives an annual mission grant of $2000. The constituency is limited to the new Reformed Church and other small and fundamentalist groups.

The Golden Castle School which was the first educational enterprise of the Southern Presbyterian Mission in Japan and which received in the past two Birthday Gifts from the Women of our Church, continues as a high-grade accredited school. The Japan mission now gives no regular grant or official support but four missionaries contribute some teaching.

The Japan Mission is divided on many questions with some of the younger missionaries advocating more liberal policies. In spite of these differences of opinion the morale in the Mission seems good.

Opportunities for evangelistic work with Koreans and Chinese in Japan continue. The availability of missionaries familiar with the Korean and Chinese languages makes it very desirable that we continue to take advantage of such opportunities.

The new medical work of the Japan Mission appears encouraging. It will need stronger financial support and larger equipment and staff.

(iii) *Korea*

In studying the Korea situation today we must remember the long period of Japanese domination, the effects of World War II, the tragic division at the 38th parallel and the appalling destruction and suffering caused by the three-year war in Korea. Korea is still a divided land. North Korea seems to be under tight Communist control, almost a colony now of Red China. South Korea leaders lack political experience and are faced by baffling problems and difficulties. The relief needs are stupendous, with ten million displaced persons. There is little hope of a united Korea in the near future.

Our Mission work was in South Korea and to former obligations have been added opportunities with relation to relief and rehabilitation. Our Korea Mission has done a magnificent job the past few years under great strain and in the face of almost insuperable hardships and obstacles.

The presence of American troops has of course saved South Korea from Communist conquest, but it has also created many problems for missions and churches. For example, the sequestering of many mission buildings by the U. S. Army and the questionable attitudes of some American soldiers to the Korean people.

The Christian Church in Korea is world famous for its Bible study and prayer, evangelistic zeal and earnest witness, independence and self-support. Of the total 400,000 Protestant Christians about 300,000 are Presbyterians (U. S. and U. S. A. Presbyterian background.) The Church has produced many heroes and martyrs. Yet, as one observer has said, the Korean Church was able to withstand Japanese and Communist persecution but is not prepared for the sterner demands of a free Korea. The theology of the Korean Church is much narrower, more literalistic and intolerant than that of our own Church. There are factions within the Church with differences of policy and program, but all are very conservative. A more forward-looking program of theological education and Christian education, such as we have in the Presbyterian Church U. S., seems urgently needed.

The Christian refugees from North Korea (especially Pyengyang) to South Korea are ultra-conservative; they still maintain their North Korean presbyteries in the South; heated disputes over questions of "collaboration" have taken place with mutual recriminations. There are two General Assemblies in South Korea and two seminaries. Our Korea Mission supports the Taegu Seminary, the largest Presbyterian Seminary in the world. Tension within the Korean Church continues, a most unfortunate situation at the present time.

In relief work much help has been received from Church World Service and other interdenominational church agencies, and also United Nations and non-church private agencies. In receiving aid from political or secular organizations it is important that no commitments be made which would embarrass the Christian witness and influence of our Mission or the churches with which it serves.

The Presbyterian U. S. and U. S. A. missions have worked together closely in Korea before World War II, although in different areas. Now that the Korean churches with which they are affiliated are in the same part of Korea, a united approach to the many difficulties and problems seems essential. Great wisdom is needed in helping the Presbyterian Church of Korea to resolve its theological disputes and other internal differences and to become not only a great evangelical church but also well-informed on Biblical scholarship and forward-looking in policies and methods.

(iv) *Latin America*

(Brazil, Mexico, Ecuador)

Brazil is a vast territory, largely undeveloped as yet, but with immense possibilities. Freedom of the press and religious liberty are realities and there is little racial discrimination. We would agree that Brazil is in many ways the world's greatest evangelical opportunity. Yet it has not made the appeal to our home Church that other mission fields have made.

Our three Brazil missions—North Brazil, East Brazil and West Brazil—seem separated not only in geographical area but also in policies. More cooperative planning would seem desirable, between our three missions and between the Southern Presbyterian and Northern Presbyterian Missions, both of which are associated with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. The Inter-Presbyterian conference held in Brazil last July was a good beginning toward common planning and action, and a more recent conference has already implemented the ideals set forth.

The policy of the missions turning over established work to the Brazilian presbyteries and of engaging themselves in new pioneer work is justifiable in many ways. On the other hand, there are indications that missions and Brazilian churches still need each other both in the established work and in pioneer effort. New work should be planned in close consultation with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil in order to avoid misunderstandings and also increase the effectiveness of extension evangelism.

Our Brazil missions report a Brazilian church membership of about 10,000 with which they are associated. Already they are united with other Presbyterian groups in a great evangelistic campaign as preparation for the centennial celebration of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil, to be observed in 1959. The goal is 100,000 church members. Closer cooperation of the two Presbyterian mission boards in the United States would be a means of strengthening this great united evangelistic effort in Brazil.

In Mexico the work of the missionary is subject to a number of government restrictions. Yet some of these are being relaxed. Many church properties were returned by the government in 1952 which had been seized in 1934. New evangelistic and educational opportunities are opening up. All missions in Mexico find that they need to consider new approaches and methods in meeting the new day.

In Christian constituency the results of our mission work in Mexico seem small, about 120 congregations and 4,000 communicants. Reasons for the slow growth of churches with which we are affiliated need careful study.

The Presbyterian Church of Mexico is a vigorous, independent, nationwide church body, with its own presbyteries, synods and General Assembly. Close cooperation with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church of Mexico is eminently desirable. Only by continuing union effort can strong theological institutions for the training of the Mexican ministry be developed and worthwhile Christian medical service be carried on.

Unfortunately, both in Brazil and Mexico, the spiritual development of the national Presbyterian Churches has been hindered by the dissemination of divisive and critical literature from certain groups in the United States. The minds of sincere Christians have been filled with suspicions and doubts of other Christians and even of consecrated missionaries working among them. However, there are evidences that in both countries the divisive spirit is on the wane and a new understanding of Christian unity and love is emerging.

In both Mexico and Brazil some serious problems of personal relationships between

missionaries and of missionary morale have developed. Losses of missionaries after one term of service have been larger than in other fields.

New opportunities for evangelism and Christian service—work among government students, agriculture and community service, literacy and literature, audio-visual education, aviation evangelism for covering wide areas, challenge us and should fire the minds and hearts of the home Church.

The United Andean Indian Mission in Ecuador is a splendid new interdenominational mission venture in which our Church has a vital part. Working with us are the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The work is developed along four lines—agricultural, medical, educational and evangelistic. Promise at Picalqui is being realized. The advantages of a united approach are apparent and should show the way for other mission fields. The work in Ecuador should be strengthened and given the widest publicity in our Church.

Missionary identification with the people's life in Latin America is not so difficult as in Asia or Africa but much more emphasis needs to be placed upon studies of the language, culture, customs, social changes, religious life and aspirations of Latin American peoples. We would hope to see more creative scholarship on the part of our missionaries.

If plans for a union Christian university in Latin America materialize, we would like to see our missions take an active part. In Latin America as in other mission fields, long-range planning and policies are urgently needed.

(v) *China*

China, where we once had our largest missionary effort, is now closed to all foreign missionaries. Less than ten Protestant missionaries out of a former 7500 are in Red China now, all under arrest. But Christian churches and Christians are still there. They need our continued love and prayers and perhaps we can help them spiritually as much as we formerly did in active service. China as a land of missionary and evangelistic opportunity must not be "written off." We must have faith that the bonds of fellowship with our Chinese Christian brothers and sisters that are now broken will some day be restored.

Our great opportunity today is among the twenty million or more Chinese outside the mainland of Red China, including eight million on Formosa. From this group will come Christian leaders for the future in China.

On the small island of Taiwan (Formosa) were once two Protestant missions—English and Canadian Presbyterian—and one indigenous church, the Presbyterian Church of Formosa. Now scores of missionary societies are working there, drawn by the presence of refugees from the mainland and the appeal of "Free China." But these many denominations, including a number of separatists sects, have made missionary work in some ways very complicated and difficult. Our denominational policy should continue to encourage unity and not rivalry.

Our Formosa Mission is composed of twenty missionaries, who formerly served in China. It would seem essential that this Mission work *very closely* with the other two Presbyterian missions and with the Formosan Presbyterian Church in all its planning and program.

Work on Formosa should not be limited to mainland people or tribes people, but should be extended to native Formosans. This means that some missionaries must learn to speak the dialects of the island as well as the Chinese national language.

The many uncertainties that confront the National Government on Formosa present peculiar problems to missionary societies. It would not seem wise to invest too heavily in mission properties, nor to rely too much upon the patronage and protection of the National Government.

Large opportunities for work among Chinese abroad are found in the program of United Christian Colleges for China with its educational program in Formosa and Hongkong and its program of Christian service to Chinese alumni and students in the

United States. Our Church as yet has no part in this fine post-war effort of the U.B.C.C.C.

(vi) *Portugal*

The united missionary program of the Presbyterian Churches U. S. and U. S. A. in Portugal, in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, is very significant for two reasons. It marks our first entrance into Europe as a mission field. It is a fine demonstration of Presbyterian cooperation in world missions and should serve as a pattern for mission work in other fields.

Now that two Southern Presbyterian missionaries have arrived in Portugal, our Church should give the strongest possible support to the Protestant missionary effort and growing evangelical movement in that country.

CONCLUSIONS

The committee was not surprised to find confirmation for the Church's confidence and pride in her foreign legion. A tradition of sacrificial and devoted service to Christ and the Church prevails on every mission field. Men and women of remarkable talent and exceptional training are laying down their lives daily for Christ and His people at all the mission stations of our Church. New chapters in missionary heroism are being written every day. Especially has conspicuous courage and devotion beyond the call of duty characterized the service of our missions personnel in the Far East during the difficulties and distress of the war years. The record of encouraging growth in church membership, expanding school enrollments, new and more efficient humanitarian services can be traced in detail on the pages of the annual report of our Board of World Missions.

The committee feels that our future work in missions must be characterized by a concentration on three focal points:

First, more rapid progress must be made toward an indigenous church in every mission field. The self-sustaining, self-propagating church on the mission field has long been the ideal for all missionary labors. Added to this now must be the self-governed church: the church which is in the hands of capable national Christian leaders. The spread of communism and rising nationalisms have in recent years and months cut off younger churches from Christian bases whence missionaries, money and supplies had been sent. Now it is sink or swim for those young churches. Some of them were not ready for autonomous control. Reasons for their ecclesiastical immaturity were many and varied, but too often it has been due to an unhealthy paternalism on the part of the missionary in dealing with converts and congregations. Our kind of a world cannot wait for a leisurely evolution to the indigenous church. All possible means must be employed at once to teach, to train, to turn over control to national Christians. The supporting and sending church must be ready for the younger churches to make some mistakes, for only thus can leadership develop and maturity come. The relationship between the indigenous church and the missionary-sending churches is best defined in the Willigen report as "partnership." The tensions of the times demand that our missionaries undergo the additional discipline of learning how to fit themselves into the life and outreach of the indigenous church not as bosses and directors, but as counsellors and servants.

A *second* point of focus for our missionary endeavor of the future is the unity of the Church in order to accomplish the mission of the Church. The pattern of unity already achieved by our missionaries working in cooperation with the mission agencies of other communions and with the national churches in Brazil points the way for all our fields. Too long have we through our mission efforts perpetuated our denominational differences which stem from our cultural and historic backgrounds, while meaningful to us are without significance to the young churches. One of the veteran missionaries of our Church in Japan writes of communism there today: "If let alone or handled unwisely communism may well become the principle that unites the nation, though it is not as yet." Before the massed power and clever propaganda of militant

communism a divided church embroiled in endless doctrinal controversies is doomed. Differences of faith and order are not easily reconciled, yet our forces on the mission fields can and must follow the historic policy of our Church in America of willingness to cooperate with other Christian communions who profess faith in Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour. We cannot afford to limit ourselves to working only with those who will accept our Westminster Standards. These revered Standards, while for us a true and binding statement wrought out of our tradition, culture and history, are, however, for Christians of other lands, cultures and history, a strange and foreign set of articles. The principles therein set forth, insofar as they incorporate the eternal and universal truths of scripture should find expression in doctrinal standards of Christians in every land; but we must allow, yea, trust, Christians of other cultures and historic backgrounds to write under the Spirit's guidance their own creed and constitution. The unity of the Church in order to accomplish the mission of the Church must express itself in cooperation between the various communions on the mission fields in order to produce the needed Christian literature, to present the claims of the Gospel to the unevangelized through the mass media of radio, television and audio-visual materials, to train professional and lay leadership for the indigenous church in theological seminaries, colleges and hospitals. For example: Our great work in the Congo, for its next stage of development, needs well educated native Congolese leaders. These we have not produced in sufficient numbers. The Roman Catholic Church is far ahead of us in this regard, having already two native African Bishops in genuine ecclesiastical control in Africa. A theological seminary, jointly owned and operated by Presbyterians U.S. and U.S.A. and some other Protestant bodies having missions in Africa, could be economically and efficiently run. The needed institutions, if separately built and operated, would be both costly and inefficient.

Third, the institutional work on all our mission fields must be re-examined in the light of the imperative needs outlined in the above two objectives of establishing an indigenous church and of achieving the unity of the Church in cooperation with other communions in order to accomplish the mission of the Church. We must ask what are our mission institutions contributing or detracting in the development of the indigenous church? What present practices are paternalistic, encouraging dependence upon missionary leadership and funds from abroad rather than encouraging native initiative and independence? What institutions are so weak and small as to be ineffectual in operation, unappealing to the native constituency, and economically wasteful for the Church at home to carry? What old institutions ought to be closed, which new ones created, which joined with other existing institutions of sister Protestant communions? What plan or program can be worked out for gradually passing the ownership and control of mission institutions to the leadership of the national church? These and similar questions must be raised and satisfactory answers found for all our institutional missions work in order that Christian nationals may be made to feel that they can enter into the Christian movement on a basis of complete mutuality.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That the General Assembly express its gratitude to God and its appreciation to our missionaries and the members of the Board of World Missions and its Executive Secretary and Staff for their devotion to, and faithful performance of, the mighty task of world missions.
2. That our General Assembly reaffirm its policy that all gifts to World Missions from our churches go to our Board of World Missions.
3. That our Board be requested to call to the attention of our churches special personalized projects and dramatized appeals which can be supported within the budget.
4. That renewed emphasis be placed upon the continuous education of seminary students and ministers in their primary function of carrying out the Great Commission to the ends of the earth.

5. That the Board of World Missions be instructed to invite the professors of missions in the seminaries to attend two meetings of the Board each year, at the expense of the Board.
6. That the General Assembly use every resource at its disposal to confront the ablest young people in our Church, who have the willingness to identify themselves with the life of the nationals, with the urgency of the World Mission enterprise.
7. That a part of the training of all missionary candidates shall be in the interdenominational training School of the Division of Foreign Missions.
8. That our Board encourage visits to the fields not only by Board members, but also by other ministers, laymen, Christian teachers and student groups, at their own expense and after consultation with the Board.
9. That our Board be asked to consult the Board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America with regard to sending small groups of theological professors and other qualified workers to help national churches, at their request.
10. That our Board be requested to provide opportunities for continual training on the field and on furlough, by making available the best periodicals on Biblical and ecumenical subjects.
11. That the General Assembly authorize our Boards of World Missions and Christian Education to study ways of assisting refugee pastors and Christian leaders of the Reformed Faith in Europe and the Far East.
12. That the Board give consideration to the wisdom of making larger use of short-term missionaries with particular skills and talents.
13. That our Board be requested to explore the possibility of sending some Negro missionaries to the Far East and Latin America.
14. That theological education on our Mission fields be strengthened.
15. That, in our missionary program during the next few years, there should be special emphasis upon the two-way traffic to secure an inter-flow between representatives of the sending and receiving churches.
16. That greater effort be made to achieve indigenous churches.
17. That we seek to achieve the ideal of partnership in evangelizing and building up the Christian Church.
18. That, in view of the uncertain world situation, plans be made by our Board for mobile missionary service.
19. That, in view of our former cooperation with the United Board of Christian Colleges in China, we continue such cooperation in the new projects for work among overseas Chinese students.
20. That our Board be encouraged to assume its full responsibility in all cooperative planning and budgets of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America.
21. That our Church reaffirm its policy of inter-church cooperation and apply this to all our mission fields; that in particular the Japan Mission be asked to bring its program into harmony with the theological position and cooperative policy of the home Church.
22. That our Board of World Missions immediately approach the foreign mission boards of the U.S.A. and U.P. Churches and offer to engage with them in coordinated planning and effort for worldwide missionary witness and service.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Redhead, *Chairman*

IV. REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION AND UNION

I. Officers and Organization

It has been a source of deep distress to the committee that on March 9 our able and

beloved Chairman, Dr. Thomas K. Young, suffered a heart attack which has prevented his serving on the committee since that time. The Vice Chairman, Dr. Albert Kissling, is therefore serving as Acting Chairman, and Dr. Frank H. Caldwell is Secretary. Members of the Negotiating Committee are: Drs. Thomas K. Young, Wm. M. Elliott, Jr., John A. Redhead, Jr., Guy T. Gillespie, Frank H. Caldwell, and Mrs. F. R. Crawford. The committee carries on its work under a Manual approved by the General Assembly.

II. Actions of the 1953 General Assembly

That meeting of the General Assembly took the following actions regarding the proposed Plan of Union with The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and The United Presbyterian Church of North America:

1. Received the Plan, with Supplement, and transmitted it to the presbyteries to be made available for study and comment by them and organizations and individuals in the church.
2. Instructed the Permanent Committee to make such further revisions as it, with the representatives of the other two Churches, might agree upon after consideration of suggestions received up to November 1, 1953.
3. Instructed your Committee to reprint the Plan, including revisions referred to above, and submit it to the General Assembly of 1954.
4. Instructed the Stated Clerk "to docket for consideration of the 1954 General Assembly the question: Shall the revised Plan proposed by the Permanent Committee be approved and recommended to the presbyteries for their advice and consent, in accordance with provisions of Paragraph 168 of the Book of Church Order?"
5. Specified that the above actions be conditional upon substantially the same actions being taken by the 1953 General Assemblies of the other two Churches.
6. Encouraged your committee to conduct an educational program on the Plan.
7. Called attention of members of the committee to the following:

   "A. We feel it expedient . . . to work out as far as possible a plan for locating and merging the boards and agencies of the three denominations *before* the Plan of Union is presented to the Assemblies for action, rather than leaving these important matters to be disposed of subsequently by a special commission of fifty, as now planned.

   "B. Such instruction to our committee shall not be construed as opposition to, or approval of, union, but it shall be understood as an expression of our earnest desire for more definite information on the important question of *how* boards and agencies of the three denominations may best be consolidated and *where* they should be located.

   "C. We further suggest that the Permanent Committee consider according congregations in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America the same privileges accorded congregations in the U. S. and United Presbyterian bodies in the Supplemental Covenant and Agreement, thereby dispelling the present implication that the two smaller churches are being asked to 'join' the U. S. A. Church."

III. Work of Permanent Committee in Accordance with Above Actions

1. In accordance with instructions reviewed as II-2,3,4, above, the Plan of Union has been revised, re-printed, distributed, placed in the hands of commissioners to this meeting of the General Assembly and of commissioners to the 166th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., convening in Detroit, May 20, 1954, and of the 96th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, convening in Akron, May 26, 1954; and the Stated Clerks of these three General Assemblies have docketed the same question as to approval and transmission of the Plan to the presbyteries.

2. Substantially the same actions on the Plan of Union were taken by the other two

General Assemblies as were taken by the U. S. General Assembly of 1953. (Cf. II-5, above.)

3. In accordance with action II-6, above, a joint "Report on Union Negotiations" in the form of a two-page letter was sent to sessions, congregations and members of the three churches following the meeting of the Joint Conference on Union in Cincinnati, Nov. 12, 1953; an "Educational Brochure" on the Plan has been prepared, printed and distributed by your Permanent Committee; a jointly prepared and printed brochure, with illustrations, has been authorized by the Joint Conference; and individual members of the Permanent Committee, as invited to do so, have participated in discussions of the Plan in presbyteries and in other meetings.

4. In response to action II-7, above, your committee reports as follows:

(1) Regarding item II-7-C, above, your Permanent Committee has been willing throughout its negotiations that this provision should include congregations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. if such inclusion were deemed wise or desirable by the negotiating representatives of that Church.

(2) Regarding item II-7-A, above, your committee would observe:

(a) That Concurrent Declaration No. 5 of the 1952 revision of the Plan provided only that a Special Commission of fifty should *make recommendations to the General Assembly,* which alone would have the authority for the disposition of these important matters; and that the Special Commission's power was further restricted by the provision that its recommendations "must receive a three-fourths affirmative vote of said Commission before being reported to the General Assembly for its action." (Plan, 1952 revision, p. 15)

(b) In the Plan, as revised and reported to the 1954 General Assembly, this Concurrent Declaration has been revised and clarified, so that, among other things, the term *"Committee"* is used instead of "Commission," and the composition of it has been changed to provide for 20 representatives from each of the uniting churches. (Cf. Plan, 1953 Revision, C.D. 6, pp. 18-20)

(c) In the history and practice of all three of the negotiating Presbyterian Churches, matters of location, organization, and administration of the several boards and agencies have not been written into the Constitutions of those churches; rather, being the boards and agencies *of the General Assembly,* they are operated under Manuals approved by the General Assembly so as to be directly and immediately subject to the authority of the General Assembly.

(3) Regarding item II-7-B, above, in order that the General Assembly might have "more definite information" relating to the proposed consolidation of boards and agencies, the Joint Negotiating Committee met in Atlanta on Sept. 30, 1953, and conferred at length with representatives of corresponding boards and agencies of the three General Assemblies, U.S., U.S.A., and U.P. It was also arranged that representatives of these boards and agencies should have subsequent conferences as soon as feasible during the year, and that they should report to the Joint Negotiating Committee the results of their conferences, so that this valuable information might be used for possible revision of the Plan (if available in time for consideration before the Plan had to be re-printed), or for report to this General Assembly. Summaries of reports of these conferences are as follows:

Report of Joint Conference, Representatives of Boards of National Missions, U.S.A., American Missions, U.P., and Church Extension, U.S.

"The following represents the unanimous thinking of the group:

"GENERAL STATEMENTS:

"1. We do not present any detailed plan for the merger of the three participating boards. Such a detailed plan could not be worked out within the time now available.

"2. We have, however, examined very carefully and fully the procedures of the three participating boards. We are of the opinion that no insuperable difficulties in the way

of a merged operation present themselves. We believe that a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be devised.

"3. It is our conviction that the most important factor in evolving any workable and fair plan is the confidence which each reposes in the others. Each of us is absolutely convinced of the good will, fair-mindedness, and high purpose of the others. The mutual affection, understanding and esteem which exist among us create the atmosphere in which the problems which may arise can be worked out fairly and to the best interests of the whole Church, and worked out in the spirit of Him Who is the Head of the Church.

"SPECIFIC STATEMENTS:

"1. If our denominations take favorable action on the matter of union, there will be a transition period, (the permanent plan of procedure will not yet have been drafted, nor will the old procedures which we have severally employed in the past suffice); therefore, some statement of an interim strategy is necessary. We recommend that, should the 1954 Assemblies vote to submit the matter of union to their presbyteries, they also authorize the boards to draft such an interim plan. In the event of a favorable vote by the presbyteries, this plan would be presented to the 1955 Assemblies for adoption.

"2. We believe that the breadth of concern now obtaining in the work of all three of the home boards should be continued in the united Church. The same pattern or strategy has been quite manifest in each of our three Churches in the recent past. With each of us the approved procedure has been to unify the activities of the Church which are broadly missionary in aim and scope under the direction of one board. This pattern of procedure should obtain, we believe, in the Home Board of the united Church.

"3. The practice of the three Churches in the administration and promotion of the work of the home boards differs. Indeed, the practice within a single denomination is by no means uniform. There is, therefore, no apparent necessity for the establishment of a single, uniform plan of missionary procedure, either now in our separate communions or later in the united Church. We are agreed that flexibility of procedure should prevail in the future as it has obtained in the past. A uniform policy, if insisted upon, would do violence to certain values now derived from a flexibility of approach. Such a policy would exclude future experimentation, for which there should be a fruitful field in the united Church and out of which fortunate results might be expected.

"4. We are agreed upon the importance of emphasizing the responsibility of the local judicatories. We have a common interest and purpose in developing area or regional organization for the administration and direction of home board functions. We are also united in the conviction that the entire plan of administration should be consistent with the purpose and program of the whole Church in this segment of its life and work.

"5. We are agreed that board membership should be representative of the Church as a whole, and should be chosen by the General Assembly.

"6. We are agreed that there should be a Home Mission Council (similar to the National Staff of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Home Missions Committee of the U. P. Church, and the former Home Missions Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.). This council should be broadly representative of the synods and presbyteries. It should have a significant part in the formulation of budgets and other matters of importance in the planning and conduct of the work."

Report of Joint Conference, Representatives of Boards of Pensions, U.S., U.S.A., U.P.

"A study of the details of the plans showed a number of differences, but none of them appeared to be of major importance. It would seem wise to assure every member of the three different plans that none of the pension credits already accrued on his account would be lost, but would be held in full for him. We believe that the reserves held by the three boards are sufficient to establish these credits on a sound and fully funded basis. The plans are so similar that a uniform basis for future pension credits could be easily formulated. Some changes or modifications in each of the present plans

may be made in the next year or two, if ministers are permitted to participate in Social Security, and it is planned that we confer later on such changes if any are required.

"We discussed at some length the ways the different churches are supplementing the inadequate annuities of our retired ministers. It was found that many different procedures are followed at present. However, it was our conclusion that no insuperable barriers to union existed in such differences. We felt that a uniform plan could be worked out for the solution of this problem.

". . . we also discussed the various ways in which assistance and supervision was given to homes, hospitals and orphanages operated by, or affiliated with, our three denominations. It appeared that in this area substantial savings could be made by cooperative effort. Some joint work is already under way in this field and we anticipate further study of how this might be furthered.

"In connection with the mechanics of consolidation, once the decision in regard to union has been made, it appeared to us that the full membership of all three pension boards might well be asked to meet together. . . . As there are many technical details in regard to the operation of pension plans, it would also seem necessary to have a group of representatives and informed individuals who would help formulate the basic procedures and policies which would then be presented through proper channels to the united Church for consideration and appropriate action."

Report of Joint Conference, Representatives of Boards of Christian Education, U.S., U.S.A., U.P.

"It was discovered that our philosophy and procedure had more in common than we had previously realized. Although the Boards have slightly different patterns of organization, they all provide comparable services to the local church.

"The Division of Higher Education in each Church has similar responsibilities and programs. There are differences in the judicatory control of colleges and seminaries. It was the conclusion of the group that Christian Higher Education could and would be greatly strengthened through union.

"Field Service is administered much in the same manner by the two boards which provide this service. In this area, too, it was felt that union would result in a stronger and more effective service to synods, presbyteries and local churches.

"Men's Work is fully related to the boards of the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., while in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. it is a separate council.

"In the field of publications, it was evident that a much stronger and more profitable program would result from union.

"There was the unanimous belief of those present that, in case of union, the work of the Boards of Christian Education could be fully consolidated, and that constructive solutions could be found in the problems which would be faced. It was felt that through research, study and prayerful planning, a curriculum and program of Christian Education might be developed which would make our Christian faith a living and more vital experience in the life of the individual, family, church and world."

Report of Joint Conference, Board of Administration, U.P., and General Councils, U.S. and U.S.A.

"The provisions of the Plan of Union for an initial General Council set forth in the Concurrent Declarations and a permanent General Council in the Plan itself were examined, with the following recommendations and suggestions agreed upon unanimously:

"1. It was *voted to recommend* that provision be made that the General Assemblies voting approval of the Plan of Union, after canvassing the presbyteries' votes, nominate to the first General Assembly of the united Church the persons described in paragraph 3 of Concurrent Declaration 10 in the October, 1952, Revision of the Plan . . . with the understanding that further nominations from the floor would not be precluded. . . ."

(Note: This report came too late for possible revision of the Plan, but this procedure can be followed under the Plan as it is at present.)

"2. It was *voted to recommend* that the first General Assembly elect its General Council within the first two days of the meeting of the General Assembly in order to allow the General Council to meet to fulfill its assigned responsibilities in time to submit its report to the General Assembly before adjournment.

"3. It was *voted to recommend* that it be made clear to each General Assembly of the present Churches, and that immediate releases be made for information, that the adoption of the Plan will bring no sudden changes in the operation of any of the congregations, the presbyteries, the synods or the boards and agencies of the present Churches, nor in the location of administrative offices. It should be made clear that operations in lower judicatories will continue as they are immediately after the first General Assembly and until, by due process of determination, steps of further adjustment are gradually adopted."

"4. It was *voted to recommend* that Sec. 1 of Chap. 31 . . . of the October, 1952, Revision of the Plan be amended to read: 'A General Council of the General Assembly is hereby established with duties and responsibilities as herein specified' . . ."

(Note: Permanent Committee's action on this recommendation: *"Voted:* that while [this recommendation] came to the Committee after the Plan was completed and in print, so that an amendment could not be made, it is the judgment of the Permanent Committee that the import of this suggested amendment is achieved inherently by the composition and responsibility of the General Council as an agency of the General Assembly.")

"5. It was agreed to call the following considerations to the attention of the Negotiating Committee or of the respective General Assemblies' committees:

(a) The advisability of having the Moderator of the General Assembly the Chairman of the General Council was questioned . . .

(b) The use of the word 'supervise' in line 3, Sec. 2, of Chap. 31, of the October, 1952, Revision . . . was questioned and the suggestion made that 'coordinate' be substituted. The discussion revealed differences in interpretation of the words but agreement as to the proper operational relationships . . .

(c) It was felt quite strongly by some that Sec. 10 of Chap. 31, line 1 . . . of the same copy of the Plan should be changed to eliminate the word 'member' and to interpret 'salaried employee of a missionary board' as not including pastors of churches receiving church extension or national missions aid . . ."

(Note: Suggestions received too late for possible revision of Plan.)

"6. The conference was a day of prayerful good fellowship, promoted better acquaintance, understanding and appreciation. It indicated a great deal of similarity of operation and responsibility of these three bodies and no significant difference was revealed."

Joint Statement Prepared by Representatives of Women's Organizations of Presbyterian Church U. S., Presbyterian Church U. S. A., United Presbyterian Church, March 25-26, 1954

Representatives of the women's organizations of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church have had two meetings, spending approximately three days in exploring, informally, the similarities and differences that now exist in their respective work. We have studied each organization in terms of its purpose, membership, organization, program, literature, finances, and administration. We have seen many similarities and common objectives. At the same time, we have recognized certain marked differences in structure and administration. However, we believe these differences can be resolved in the spirit of love, mutual faith and understanding.

In this study we find that:

1) There is a common objective in all of our work—that of reaching individual women for Christ, enlisting them in a growing commitment and discipleship, and giving them opportunities to witness and to serve. In carrying out this purpose all three organizations give primary emphasis to Bible study, worship and witnessing to Christ.

2) We are in agreement that women are an integral part of the fellowship of the church, which we believe to be the body of Christ. All of our work—which is a program of education, prayer, service and giving—is conceived as undergirding the ministry of Christ as carried out through His church.

3) Through the years of organized women's work much valuable experience has been gained. We believe that these rich and varied experiences should be conserved and strengthened so that the great potential contribution of womanhood in the church may be more fully realized.

In order to continue to work toward our purpose and objectives, it is our conviction that:

1) On the national level there should continue to be a group responsible to the General Assembly to guide the development of the organized fellowship and program of the women of the church. This fellowship should continue to be closely related to the Boards of the church. Provision must be made for the national organization to work through its units which correspond to the judicatories of the church.

2) Women, increasingly, should be given opportunity to make their full contribution to the total life and work of the church.

As a result of our study together we agreed it would be profitable to take steps toward fuller cooperation, such as in the areas of leadership education and retreats.

As the report of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union is transmitted to the Stated Clerk for printing in the Blue Book, these are all the reports of such board-agency conferences which have been received. If others are received before the meeting of the General Assembly, they will be transmitted as supplements to this report.

IV. Recommendations to the Assembly on the Plan of Union

(See page 65)

V. Recommendation on Reformation Day

That the date for observance of Reformation Day be fixed for Oct. 31, 1954, that the theme be "Protestantism and Religious Tolerance," and that attention be called to the excellence of the current film, "Martin Luther."

VI. Report of the American Bible Society

Since the American Bible Society is an official agency of the Protestant churches of America for Bible distribution it seems well to consider the two-fold aspect of this relationship.

May we have in mind the great service of the Society to the churches in their world-wide work of evangelism. It operates in 63 foreign countries as well as our own. In 1953 the Society has placed: at home, 9,726,391 copies; in foreign fields, 5,750,000 copies estimated. Total copies Bibles, Testaments, Portions, 15,476,391, an increase of 2,400,000 over last year. In Latin America there continues to be the most systematic distribution area, and nowhere else is the church growing so steadily and rapidly. Thousands of men and women are helping to spread the Word of God. Scriptures in more than 50 languages were distributed in the Near East. The Kurds of Turkey have the Gospel of Luke for the first time. The Far East has probably experienced more basic changes than any other area. Even here the wide distribution and reading of God's Word has helped to provide new and solid foundations for personal and national life. China remains a closed area but millions of Chinese elsewhere are receiving Scripture distribution. India has received 600,000 copies of Sermon on the Mount which have been widely distributed in 7 languages. In the increasingly important country of Thailand 285,905 volumes set a new post-war record. Talking Book Records for the blind were distributed. Some 700 churches and missionaries distributed 146,980 volumes, mostly whole Bibles, in the Philippines. Translation work in six languages is moving forward. The Government of Korea consented to distribution of Gospel of Luke to

school children. 700,000 volumes of the Scriptures were distributed in this disrupted country. Unfortunately their own Bible House in Pusan burned in November, 1953. In Germany 500,000 volumes were distributed to refugees in Western Germany. Materials for making 400,000 Bibles and Testaments were shipped to the Iron Curtain area. Many thousands of Scriptures were sent to headquarters areas in Africa. Approval was given for opening special Bible work in Liberia, for which persons are being trained.

Let us consider what the churches have done in fulfillment of their obligations. In 1953 the churches gave the American Bible Society $785,896, which is an increase of $34,749 over 1952. The church goal set for 1953 was $1,128,210—the amount contributed by churches in 1953 was $342,314 below this goal. $67,670 of the amount contributed came from church schools and Daily Vacation Bible Schools—this would indicate that children and young people are contributing to benevolences of the church. We are happy to note a growing interest on the part of the churches to recognize the place of the Bible Society in the missionary program and to continue to give it the support which it so urgently needs and so richly deserves. The Society expresses its deep gratitude to all churches which have made the achievements of the year possible.

VII. Report on the National Council of Churches of Christ

The annual report of the National Council was not available from its office in New York in time to be summarized in this paper. Therefore we can only call attention to certain general facts concerning its nature and work.

The National Council is a comprehensive body, through which thirty denominations with 34,691,852 members in 143,445 congregations coordinate their efforts and work together in all common tasks under the responsible direction of their official representatives.

According to its own "message" given in 1952, "The National Council of Churches is not a church, but a council of churches, neither is it a superchurch, nor does it aspire to become one. It does not legislate for the constituent bodies which compose it, each of which retains its own autonomy, nor does it claim for its member churches superiority over Christian churches which, for one reason or another, are not a part of its fellowship. The Council does, however, afford a unique medium whereby churches which differ in many respects from one another can meet together, worship together, think, plan and act together."

A united approach in presenting the Christian message gains an entree to army camps and university campuses which no single denomination could hope for, and the Council's preaching missions in these areas continue to be effective. Likewise is it able to secure time on radio and television, and since 1952 has conducted an average of four programs a day.

The General Board of the Council met in Washington in November and had as its guest President Eisenhower, who appealed to his hearers to "minimize minor religious differences in the interest of advancing both religion and democracy in this country."

In February the Council's Division of Christian Education convened 1600 workers in Cincinnati to study religious teaching materials and projects. They ranged from children's work to research specialists and centered their efforts about the theme, "One Need, One Lord, One Teaching Task."

In October, 1953, the Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill convened the fourth National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order in Cleveland, Ohio. More than 400 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churchmen urged their fellow Christians to support a U. S. policy of patient negotiation to gain peace between East and West.

Bishop William C. Martin of the Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, is President of the National Council for 1953-1954.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, who has been general secretary since the Council's inception has retired, and has been succeeded by Dr. Roy G. Ross.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, after twenty-two years of continuous interdenominational service in behalf of a more united and effective program of evangelism, has retired as executive director of the Joint Department of Evangelism. His leadership has had no

small part in the fact that thirty denominations employ forty-six full-time secretaries of evangelism at the present time.

Report of the Representatives of the Presbyterian Church in the United States on the General Board of the National Council of Churches.

Our Church has been represented at each of the bi-monthly meetings of the General Board. Due to illness and other unavoidable causes, all members have not been able to attend all meetings. Mr. William Akers has not been able to serve and we suggest that if he cannot do so in the future he be relieved and a principal named in his place. The General Board was pleased that our denomination was one of the few which responded to the request that interested laymen be appointed to the General Board, thus giving double representation but no increase in votes.

We continue to be impressed with the far-flung and important work of the National Council of Churches. The magnitude of this work is seen in the make-up of the Council—30 denominations with a membership of over 35 million, together with the many interdenominational organizations which go to make up the over-all membership. Your representatives on the General Board feel that their participation in the meetings of the General Board and membership in the various departments and on many committees really amounts to a full-time job. To the limits of our ability we seek to contribute thought and time to our responsibilities.

The actions and the activities of the General Board and its committees have been reported in the church press. Since our Secretary of the National Council will report directly to your Committee on Cooperation and Union, we shall therefore limit our report to a few of the salient matters.

At the January 1954 meeting of the General Board, Mr. R. A. Farnsworth was appointed to membership on the Business and Finance Committee. He makes the following statement: "It is my impression that the staff on Business and Finance and Budget are highly capable and are doing excellent work. The 1953 operations of the Council was with a balanced budget. The Council underspent its approved budget by $1,500,760.00. The budget was $9,055,919.00. Expenditures were $7,555,159.00. Receipts in 1953 exceeded expenditures by $400,041.00. Receipts were $7,955,199.00. The outlook for 1954 is encouraging. Budget processes are under sound controls. Units are looking realistically at 1954 prospects and are building their programs and their efforts accordingly. The Income Budgeted for 1954 is $9,529,644.00."

In connection with the recommendation of our General Assembly at its meeting in 1953 that the National Council "be requested to change the basis of its askings from the constitutent churches," etc. (p. 105 Minutes 1953), Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert conferred with the leaders of our Church in Atlanta last fall. At that time free and full discussion was held touching this and other matters. It is our impression that this was a constructive conference in clarifying these matters .

The November meeting of the General Board was held in Washington. A highlight of this meeting was a luncheon attended by high government officials and addressed by President Eisenhower. Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill gave a masterly address interpreting the program and work of the Council to these representatives of government. We believe this demonstration of Christian cooperation and this interpretation of our combined work made a salutary impression in the nation's capital. Among other things Bishop Sherrill stressed that the Council is in no sense a merger of churches or "a super church." "It is," he said, "what the name implies—a council of churches to enable participating churches to cooperate more effectively in the tremendous areas of life and work upon which they are already agreed."

During the year the Student Volunteer Movement was welcomed into the membership of the Council. This makes the thirteenth organization to become a part of this united movement.

On February 1, 1954, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert retired as General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. In a number of ways the General Board expressed

its high admiration of the statesmanlike leadership of this great man of God. A testimonial dinner was given for him in connection with the March meeting of the General Board. He has become Secretary of the American Conference of the member churches of the World Council and will have much responsibility in preparing for the Evanston meeting in August.

Dr. Roy G. Ross was elected General Secretary. His position as Associate Secretary is filled by Dr. Roswell P. Barnes who was formerly head of the Division of Christian Life and Work. As these two new leaders assumed their important posts they prepared statements outlining the aims and the purposes of the Council. The secretaries were commended for these "statesmenlike documents" which "reveal an understanding of the background, the brief history and the essential functions and great goals of the National Council." It was voted to have these statements printed for distribution.

The retirement of another outstanding man in the work of the National Council also took place during the year. After a long and able leadership in the field of evangelism with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and lately with the National Council, Dr. Jesse M. Bader asked to be retired. We are sure that our Church shares in the high tributes paid to Dr. Bader in his energy and vision in furthering the cause of evangelism in the nation at large through programs of visitation evangelism, preaching missions in cities, universities and colleges and in the military installations across our land. He has been succeeded by Rev. Berlyn Faris, Minister of First Methodist Church, Eugene, Oregon.

The growth of the National Council and the fact that many of its divisions and departments are widely scattered has created a growing demand for a decision on a permanent and combined headquarters. Following is a report from one of the church papers on this matter: "The General Board was told that the sites under consideration were (1) a midtown location in New York City, (2) a suburban location in New York City and (3) a suburban location in the Chicago area. The impression created by the use of the word 'suburban' is slightly inaccurate, since both sites are well within the cities named, but not in the midtown districts. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the N. C. C., informed the General Board that an offer to the National Council of $1 million for a headquarters site or building was attached to one of the locations being considered." It may well be that a decision concerning headquarters will be reached at the May meeting of the General Board.

The General Board has decided to recommend that the General Assembly be held at three-year intervals rather than biennially. The next General Assembly meets in Boston November 28-December 3, 1954.

In our report last year we recommended that the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be appointed as one of our representatives to the General Assembly of the National Council. The recommendation was adopted. (See Minutes 1953, pp. 105 and 151.) In the list of representatives on pages 14 and 15 of the 1953 Minutes, Dr. E. C. Scott's name does not appear. When the chairman of your delegation called this to Dr. Scott's attention, he explained that apparently an extra member from the Board of World Missions was appointed, leaving no vacancy. For this reason Dr. Scott states he left his name out of the list as printed in the opening pages of the 1953 Minutes. We call this to the attention of your committee and the Nominating Committee with the earnest request that the above matter be corrected and that Dr. Scott be appointed as one of the representatives to the General Assembly in Boston this fall.

We recommend that the National Council send a speaker to our General Assembly meeting in Montreat May 27, 1954. It is our suggestion that Mr. Francis Harmon, an outstanding layman who is most familiar with the financial program of the Council, or Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, the new Associate Secretary, be invited.

Your representatives have endeavored to be faithful in the trust you have committed to them. As your servants we shall welcome your counsel at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. LAND, *Chairman*

P. S.: Our Committee did not go into finances any further because we were told that

representatives of the National Council had been in conference with our General Council.

VIII. Report on Western Section, World Presbyterian Alliance

The 17th General Council of the Alliance (both Eastern and Western Sections) will be held at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., July 27-August 5, 1954. In view of this meeting, no separate meeting of the Western Section was held in 1954. 23 voting representatives, 3 women corresponding members and 3 youth corresponding members have been appointed, their expenses to be defrayed by the Office of General Assembly.

IX. Report on World Council of Churches

For more than nine hundred years, roughly half of its history, the Christian Church was one; for the next six hundred years it was divided between East and West. Then the Western Church broke apart and for four hundred years the separated churches have developed their own distinctive traditions.

On August 23, 1948, delegates from nearly 150 churches from both East and West formed the First Assembly of the World Council. In their Message to the Churches these delegates said: "We intend to stay together."

A Central Committee of ninety was appointed and the following Departments were authorized: A General Secretariat; Commission on Faith and Order; Study; Youth; International Affairs; Ecumenical Institute; Finance and Business; Prisoners of War; Information; Commission on the Work of Women in the Church; a Secretary for Evangelism.

On August 15, 1954, the Second Assembly of the World Council will open in Evanston, Illinois, bringing together six hundred delegates from one hundred sixty-one Churches of forty-eight countries—Churches whose combined membership is more than one hundred sixty million Christians.

Of the current seven great families of Christendom—Eastern, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Calvinist, Independent, Methodist—six are well represented in this Ecumenical movement. The seventh, the Roman Catholic, excludes herself by her tenet that she, alone, is the true church. She cannot, therefore, become one among others.

These delegates will evaluate the six years' work of the Departments and will consider themes of major concern to all Christendom.

The Central Committee, meeting in Toronto in 1950, said, in part, "The time has come when the World Council should make serious attempt to declare . . . the faith and hope which are affirmed in its own basis and by which the Churches live . . . that Jesus Christ is the only hope of both the Church and the world." This has become the main theme for discussion: CHRIST, THE HOPE OF THE WORLD.

Our General Assembly is permitted five delegates—five accredited visitors and twenty-five official visitors. Some of the worship and plenary sessions are open to those of the public who secure tickets.

The preparatory materials will be published by Harper and Brothers as a Religious Book Club selection. As such they will be available in the book stores as well as through the Religious Book Club.

The findings of the Assembly will be published in pamphlet form, probably by the New York Office of the World Council of Churches, immediately after the Assembly and can be secured in this fashion.

Recommendations: (See page 68.)

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. CALDWELL, *Secretary*

V. REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work is happy to present its sixteenth annual report to the 1954 General Assembly. The Committee would like to call attention again to the following recommendation of the Standing Committee on the Minister and His Work to the 1953 Assembly:

> "That the General Assembly remind the Committees and Commissions on the Minister and His Work of the Assembly, Synods and Presbyteries that the original purpose of these Committees and Commissions was to help ministers desiring changes in pastorates as well as to aid pastorless churches in securing ministers. We recognize the value of each of these emphases in what has been done and which the Assembly is still earnestly trying to do."

We should never lose sight of this concept. All of our efforts should be bent toward the practical realization of this goal within the framework of our Presbyterian system of church government.

I. ASSISTANCE TO COMMISSIONS ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK, MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

(A) DATA FORM. The Data Form was designed to obtain objective information from ministers about themselves. The favorable response to this form is attested to by the fact that more than 400 of our ministers have filled it out, and by the fact that most of the Commissions on the Minister and His Work as well as nominating committees of pastorless churches use it. We do not mean to imply that these 400 ministers desire to make changes, nor are they seeking changes in pastorates. We believe this to be an evidence of the spirit of cooperation on the part of our ministers toward the total program of our Church. When a minister fills out a Data Form he makes no commitment to accept a call elsewhere. He knows the purpose for which the form was intended. Therefore, there is no stigma attached to the Data Form and its use throughout our Church. Most of the Data Forms received have come as a result of requests for such information from Commissions on the Minister and His Work and from nominating committees of churches. It would be inadvisable ever to publish a list of these ministers as this would defeat the very purpose for which the Data Form was intended. Your committee also avoids the policy of indiscriminately distributing copies of Data Forms throughout the Church. We hope within the next few years to have received a Data Form from every minister within the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

In addition to the Data Forms received from our own ministers your committee has autobiographical information from many ministers in other denominations. This information also is available for Commissions and nominating committees.

(B) CHURCH SURVEY. Favorable reactions to the Church Survey are being received from ministers, nominating committees and Commissions on the Minister and His Work. For example, a minister told us of a nominating committee which had called upon him in the interest of the church it represented, the pulpit of which was vacant. He had only a slight knowledge of the church. Fortunately this committee presented him with a copy of the Church Survey which had been filled out by the officers of that church. The minister had some questions in mind about the church and most of these were answered in the survey. The survey stated the challenge of the church in such a manner that he felt called to it in a peculiar way. At the time he told us this a formal call had not been issued to him by the church. Subsequently a call was extended and he accepted it. This is just one experience coming to our attention. There have been other similar experiences during the past year. We believe the Church Survey if used in this manner will be of great help to nominating committees and ministers. Several ministers who have been considering calls to other churches have requested the office of the Assembly's Committee to obtain for them Church Surveys of those churches which have issued them calls.

(C) MANUAL FOR COMMISSIONS ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK, and MANUAL FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEES OF PASTORLESS CHURCHES. These companion manuals are filling a real need in our Church. They are being distributed widely. As a result of their general use members of Commissions, and nominating committees are better able to discharge their responsibilities in an orderly manner.

(D) FORM OF CALL. The official form of call, as stated in Paragraph 131, Book of Church Order, has been printed in sets of three copies to a set and padded twenty-five sets to a pad. Distribution of these forms of call has been made to Commissions on the Minister and His Work. It is suggested that the Commission send a set to a church within its presbytery prior to the date of the congregational meeting at which time a call is to be extended to a minister. After the meeting of the congregation the copies of the call are to be distributed as follows, and instructions to this effect are printed on the bottom of the form:

(1) The original is to be sent to the minister who is being called. This becomes his official call after the presbytery of which the church is a part has taken official action approving it.

(2) A copy is sent to the chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work of the presbytery of which the church extending it is a part. The Commission chairman reads this copy to the presbytery and makes whatever recommendation pertaining to it has been decided upon by the Commission. If the call is approved by the presbytery this copy then is given to the Stated Clerk of presbytery who inserts on the reverse side the official address of the new pastor of the church. The copy then is sent to the office of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work. Upon receipt of this copy the Secretary of the Assembly's Committee informs the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly the name and address of the minister who has become the pastor of that particular church. Thus this copy of the form of call becomes the official notice to the office of the Assembly's Committee and to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

(3) A copy is handed to the Clerk of Session of the church issuing the call. It should be inserted into the Sessional Records.

The statement has been made that Commissions and Committees on the Minister and His Work and nominating committees tend to thwart the working of the Holy Spirit. We believe firmly the Holy Spirit ofttimes must use human and other agencies in order to express His will. We are confident, therefore, that the various methods being used within our Church by these Commissions and nominating committees are some of the avenues of expression being used by the Holy Spirit.

(E) PUBLICITY ABOUT CALLS. Frequently persons without authority to do so cause notices to be published in church papers and in the secular press to the effect that ministers called elsewhere have accepted such calls. Sometimes such notices are published prematurely and cause embarrassment to the ministers and churches involved. Such embarrassment could be averted if notices were given by the session of the church issuing the call only after it has obtained the consent of the minister called, or if such notice was given by the minister only after he has obtained the consent of the session of the church calling him. This would apply also to ministers called to faculties of colleges, and in any other capacities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That ministers in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., be encouraged in their spirit of cooperation and that they be asked to file Data Forms with the office of this Committee.

(2) That church officers be requested to fill out Church Survey forms and thereby assist the nominating committees of their churches in the event their pulpits are vacant.

(3) That all pastorless churches be urged to use the form of call in use by the Commission on the Minister and His Work of the Presbytery.

(4) That public notices of the acceptance of a call be made only by a minister called and the session of the church issuing the call.

II. Regional Conference on the Minister and His Work

Successful regional conferences were held during the nine-months year as follows:

(1) In Richmond, Virginia. This conference was attended by representatives of the presbyteries in, and the synods of Appalachia, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

(2) In Daytona Beach, Florida. This conference was attended by representatives of the presbyteries in, and the synods of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

(3) In Louisville, Kentucky. This conference was attended by representatives of the presbyteries in, and the synods of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The region composed of the presbyteries in, and the synods of Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas did not hold a conference during the nine-months fiscal year due to a change from a fall date to a date during the Mid-Winter Lectures at Austin Seminary in February 1954.

The regional conferences were well attended by chairmen of Commissions and Committees on the Minister and His Work, or their substitutes, Executive Secretaries of presbyteries and synods, and Superintendents of Home Missions or of Church Extension of presbyteries and synods. Gratifying expressions of the helpfulness of these conferences were made. Plans are made to hold similar conferences in 1954.

Recommendations

(1) That the General Assembly continue its approval of the Regional Conferences on the Minister and His Work.

(2) That the General Assembly again request the presbyteries and synods to pay the expenses of their representatives to these regional conferences.

III. Membership of Assembly's Committee

Paragraph 99, Book of Church Order, provides that the membership of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work shall be composed of the chairmen of the various Synods' Committees on the Minister and His Work and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. During the past sixteen years only two laymen have been members of this Committee. At present no layman is chairman of a Commission on the Minister and His Work of a presbytery, nor is one chairman of a Committee on the Minister and His Work of a synod. We know there are laymen who are qualified to serve in these capacities and their services should be utilized more extensively.

Recommendation

That the General Assembly grant the Executive Committee of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work permission to co-opt for periods of three years each, laymen of the Church whose experience and training would be useful in the counsels of the committee. It is proposed that such laymen represent the areas into which the Church has been divided for regional conferences, and that these laymen shall be nominated to the Executive Committee by these regional conferences.

IV. Minimum Salaries

In 1952 the General Assembly requested the presbyteries to appoint committees, composed primarily of laymen, to study the matter of remuneration of pastors of churches. A preliminary report was made by this committee to the 1953 General Assembly. Since then we have received the following additional information:

(1) The minimum in the Presbyteries of North Alabama, East Arkansas, Washburn, Cherokee, Louisville and Greenbrier is $3,000 per year.

(2) The minimum is $3,300 per year in the Presbyteries of Missouri, Charleston, Dallas, Mid-Texas and West Hanover.

(3) The Presbyteries of Abingdon, Harmony, El Paso, Paris and Norfolk have established a minimum of $3,600 per year.

(4) The minimum set by the Presbytery of Montgomery is $4,000 per year. This is the highest minimum set by any presbytery within our Church and Montgomery Presbytery should be commended for this action.

(5) St. Johns and Congaree Presbyteries have appointed committees to study this matter.

(6) Louisiana, Granville, Winston-Salem and Western Texas Presbyteries have taken no official action.

(7) Replies have not been received from the presbyteries of Birmingham, Mobile, Savannah, Guerrant, Red River, East Mississippi, Meridian, Potosi, Columbia, Nashville, Potomac and Winchester.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the General Assembly repeat its request to each presbytery that it set an adequate remuneration for each minister serving therein.

(2) That the General Assembly again emphasize the importance of all presbyteries selecting strong committees to study this important matter.

V. AGE BARRIERS

The Rev. F. W. A. Bosch was named chairman of a sub-committee of this committee to make a study of the question of age barriers against ministers in our Church. The report of this sub-committee follows:

"Your committee entrusted with the task of considering the question of age has given considerable thought to the subject, but has found the assignment difficult in that the problem as a whole is intangible. By the calendar and the practices of various large corporations 65 is considered the time for retirement, but in reality age cannot be determined by calendar years, for some men are young at 65 and others old at 50.

"At this point we should like to call attention to an article which appeared in the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, for October 1953, written by Oscar P. Campbell. He said: 'In America today, more than one eighth of our population are above 60 years of age; thirteen and a half million have passed the usual (65) age of retirement. Science has added twenty years to the span of life within the life-time of people past sixty. Today people not only live longer but remain physically fit for normal activities many years beyond the customary time of retirement. Less than one-third of those between sixty and eighty years of age are not suffering from any chronic afflictions. Illness among these can be reduced still further by keeping them engaged in useful activities, with congenial associations.' And since most ministers are men of good habits, it is quite natural that they as a whole are in good health at 65.

"By means of letters, personal contacts, and observations, your committee has reached the conclusion that the old age question is not so acute today as it may have been. In fact, some were of the opinion that there never was an old age question. The man who keeps abreast of the times, is alert, who does not allow himself to 'go to seed' has just as good an opportunity for service in the ministry as the younger man. In fact, several wrote that preference was being shown for the older man and in some cases churches specified that they desired ministers of maturity.

"In order to determine whether this opinion could be factually stated, your committee considered the pastoral changes that were recorded in the church papers. These figures are not absolutely correct, for they do not include all pastoral changes, but they are at least fairly accurate to determine the trend. Of the 202 removals considered, there were:

4 between the ages of 25 - 29 years
21 between the ages of 30 - 34 years
33 between the ages of 35 - 39 years
19 between the ages of 40 - 44 years
21 between the ages of 45 - 49 years

23 between the ages of 50 - 54 years
17 between the ages of 55 - 59 years
17 between the ages of 60 - 64 years
25 between the ages of 65 - 69 years
9 between the ages of 70 - 74 years
5 between the ages of 75 - 79 years
5 between the ages of 80 - 84 years
2 between the ages of 85 - 89 years
1 between the ages of 90 - 99 years

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"While the greatest number of changes were made between the ages of 30 and 54 (117), this is natural because there are more ministers between these ages than others. The changes between the ages of 55 and 79 were average in proportion to the number of ministers. There were 73. It is interesting to note that between the ages of 65 and 69 there were 25 changes alone.

"From these figures, we believe we can say that the ratio of change is average and that men between the ages of 55 and 69 years have a fair opportunity for making changes, if they so desire.

"A recent trend in large industrial concerns is a healthy solution to the question of age. When a man has reached the age of 65, which has been arbitrarily set, it is a crime to relegate him to a life of idleness, hence large concerns today, while retiring their men from more strenuous labors, are often re-employing them in advisory capacities or giving them lighter work to do.

"We feel the Church is doing somewhat the same thing. Ministers who are still in good health and active, are relinquishing the tasks and cares of larger parishes and are accepting smaller churches. Their ministry has proved most fruitful, and under their guidance more churches have shown remarkable growth; e.g. one man gave up a large church in Missouri to accept a smaller charge in Alabama—he has done a magnificent piece of work, and has become literally the prophet and adviser of the county. Another man, seventy-seven years of age has gone into Florida. Gathering a small nucleus about him he started a church, which today numbers about 150 members. Here is another man rapidly approaching 80, yet has established several new churches, and so we might go on.

"Another interesting thing is that large churches are calling older men as associate ministers. Several have done this during the past year. Thus youth with its vigor, and age with its wisdom unite in the building of the church.

"In the light of these facts, your committee deemed it wise not even to suggest that there was an age question. It does recommend, however, that wherever possible, churches be encouraged to call older men where they can be used effectively. While the enrollment at our seminaries shows a healthy increase, the supply of new ministers is still inadequate to meet the needs of the expanding work that is going on in our Church; therefore, we must use our manpower wisely, gauging a man not by his years, but by his state of health and ability."

VI. PARAGRAPH 147, BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

The last sentence of Paragraph 147, Book of Church Order, reads: "In every case, the time for retirement shall be September 1, following the seventieth birthday." Because of this sentence the 70-year automatic retirement rule of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., does not apply equally to its ministers. For example, a minister whose seventieth birthday falls on August first may serve only one month before the application of Paragraph 147. On the other hand, a minister whose seventieth birthday falls on October first may serve for eleven months before Paragraph 147 would apply.

Recommendation: That Paragraph 147, Book of Church Order, be amended by deleting the sentence reading: "In every case, the time for retirement shall be September 1, following the seventieth birthday," and that the sentence reading: "In every case, the time for retirement shall be the seventieth birthday." be substituted in its place.

The amendment is approved and is sent to the presbyteries for their advice and consent.

VII. Participation by Churches in the Ministers Annuity Fund

The Presbytery of Brazos requested advice of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work with reference to a minister therein who desired to withdraw from membership in the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and whose church desired to concur in this action by withholding any further payments of 7½% dues to the Fund. The Committee called attention to the action of the 1944 General Assembly, as recorded on page 170 of the Minutes, reading: "That the General Assembly call to the attention of the presbyteries that when a pastor and his church have been members of the Ministers' Annuity Fund they have entered into a contract and that the church cannot withdraw from the system without permission of presbytery without thereby violating the established law of the Church."

VIII. Officers of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work

The following officers were elected by the Committee: The Rev. Charles Haddon Nabers, re-elected Chairman. The Rev. A. Thomas Dyal, elected Vice Chairman. Mr. R. Graham White was re-elected Secretary for a period of three years.

IX. Finances

Although the work of your committee's office has expanded in the scope of its activities it has endeavored to continue within the $15,000 per year set by the 1950 General Assembly. During the year 1951-52, as was reported, the actual expenses of the committee totaled $12,332.84. During the year 1952-53 the expenses of the committee were $14,684.61. In the nine months year of 1953 our expenses instead of being $11,250, as were proposed to the 1953 General Assembly, were $11,568.34. The expenses of this committee, as stated in Paragraph 99, Book of Church Order, are provided for from the Contingent Fund of the General Assembly. The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly kindly provided the additional $318.34 needed last year in the operation of this committee.

As the work of this committee continues to grow, and the facilities of the office of the committee are used more extensively by the Church, there should be an increase in the original appropriation of $15,000 by the General Assembly. The committee intends to continue its policy of wisely using the funds allotted to it, and to incur no unnecessary expense.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Haddon Nabers, *Chairman.*

R. Graham White, *Secretary.*

VI. REPORTS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

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1. REPORT OF THE AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Trustees of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary submits the following report for the year 1953-54.

Control

The Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary continues under the ownership and control of the Synods of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, acting through this Board of twenty-four members.

There are no vacancies existing on the Board at the present time.

Officers of the Board serving during the past year were:

Chairman	The Rev. C. L. King, D.D.
Vice-Chairman	The Rev. S. C. Guthrie, D.D.
Secretary	Hon. Tom A. Cutting
Treasurer	Hon. Walter E. Long, M.A., LL.B.

FACULTY

Dr. Bernhard Citron of Scotland has served the first of two years as Guest Professor of Biblical Theology.

Professor C. Ellis Nelson returned to active duty after a year of study at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in New York City.

STUDENT BODY

Students enrolled:	Seniors	22	
	Middlers	28	
	Juniors	40	
	Graduates	27	
	Specials	18	
	Student Work Course	2	137
	In the University of Texas by Seminary Professors		126
	Extension Courses		98
	TOTAL		361

Five graduate study fellowship awards were made this year to the following:

William I. Boand, B.A., B.D., Davidson College
Leroy B. Horn, Jr., B.A., B.D., Davidson College
Earl C. Scott, Jr., B.S., Rice Institute, B.D.
Andrew A. Jumper, B.A., B.D., University of Mississippi
John R. Shell, B.A., B.D., Maryville College

STAFF

A Librarian was added during the year and the acting librarian made Catalogue Librarian.

A Business Manager was added to the staff.

LECTURES

Dr. H. Paul Lehmann of Princeton was Settles Lecturer on "The Theology of Mission."

The Mid-Winter Lecturers were:

Dr. Allen G. Wehrli, Thomas White Currie Lecturer, "The Prophets and Their Preaching."

Dr. Randolph C. Miller, Robert F. Jones Foundation Lecturer, "Biblical Theology and Christian Education."

Dr. William M. Elliott, Jr., E. C. Westervelt Lecturer, "Called to Preach."

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Two pieces of property adjoining the campus were added during the year. One will be used for married students; the other will be occupied by Professor Citron.

The Sloan Organ, a magnificent three manual instrument, was installed in the Seminary Chapel and dedicated on May 16th.

Wynne House, formerly the home of the President of The University of Texas, acquired last year, was used as additional dormitory for single students.

FINANCES

From the 1953 Birthday Offering the seminary has received $44,396.55 to be used in erecting homes for missionaries on furlough. The Furlough Home Board constituted by the Trustees, has met and is working toward this end.

Major additions to invested funds during the year amounted to $212,595.00.

Receipts from the Louisiana and Arkansas campaigns continued to be received as pledged.

Receipts toward the erection of a proposed new dormitory to cost approximately $200,000.00 amount to $109,606.58.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. KING, *Chairman of the Board*

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2. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

I. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

Columbia Theological Seminary is owned and controlled by the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. It is governed by a Board of twenty-one Directors who are elected by the synods and charged with the responsibility for the policies of the institution. Six members of the Board of Directors are elected by the Synod of South Carolina, six by the Synod of Georgia, and three each by the Synods of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. We regret to report the loss from the Board by death during the year of Rev. W. H. McIntosh, D.D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and of Rev. George M. Telford, D.D., honorably retired minister of the Synod of South Carolina. The successors of these directors are to be elected by the synods concerned. Dr. Sam Burney Hay who had been a member of the Board since 1931, and had served for most of that time as its secretary, was ineligible for re-election under the standing rules of the Synod of Alabama. He has been succeeded by Dr. H. E. Russell, Pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Montgomery. The officers of the Board elected for the coming year are as follows:

Chairman: Dr. P. D. Miller, Atlanta, Georgia
Vice-Chairman: Dr. J. R. McCain, Decatur, Georgia
Secretary: Rev. Donald B. Bailey, Kingstree, South Carolina
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary: Miss C. Virginia Harrison, Decatur, Georgia

II. FACULTY

The faculty of Columbia Seminary consists at the present time of ten full professors, one associate professor, and three parttime instructors. At the beginning of the past school session in September, Rev. Thomas H. McDill, Jr., assumed his duties as Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling and Rev. James H. Gailey, Ph.D., became Associate Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature and Exegesis. Rev. Hubert V. Taylor, who has served for several years as Associate Professor of Public Speech and Music, became a full professor at that time.

Dr. Samuel A. Cartledge, Professor of New Testament Language, Literature and Exegesis, has been on leave of absence throughout the year and has spent the time in study and in travel in Europe and in the Near East. Dr. Cartledge will resume his duties at the opening of the 1954-55 session.

III. STUDENT BODY

The total enrollment of students for the school year 1953-54 was 208. At the commencement exercises on May 24, sixty-six members of the senior class were graduated and degrees were also granted to five graduate students. The demand for men to serve as pastors of churches and on the mission field still remains high and the seminary has been unable to answer all the requests which have come for men.

The enrollment of new students for the coming year is unusually large at this date and it now appears that the student body next year will be somewhat increased in size.

IV. FINANCES

Columbia Seminary's total income for current expenses during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954, amounted to $146,396.26. In spite of the fact that income through the benevolent budgets of the synods for that twelve month period amounted to only $54,124.63 as compared with an income from that source of $61,708.03 for the fiscal year 1952-53, it was possible for the seminary to maintain a balanced budget and to close the year with a surplus of $656.77. This result was attained only by economies which cannot be permanently continued, however, and it is hoped that the decline in income from benevolent budgets was occasioned primarily by the change in the church year, and that it will prove to be temporary. The latest auditor's report shows the invested funds of the seminary as amounting to $1,109,707.49. Fixed assets of the seminary are reported as $1,367,095.87, giving the institution total present assets of $2,519,868.62.

V. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

During the past year two apartment dormitories of fire resistant construction have been completed to replace the temporary buildings which had been erected in 1947 by the F. P. H. A. These buildings contain eighteen apartments which are occupied with married students and their families. The total cost of these buildings with furniture and improvements amounted to $171,459.03.

As a result of the Birthday Offering of the Women of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., in 1953, to which certain other gifts were added, it was possible during the year for the Trustees of Mission Haven to erect a new building at Columbia Seminary to provide apartments for four missionary families on furlough. This building has now been completed at a total cost of approximately $53,000.00.

VI. NEEDS OF THE SEMINARY

From a material viewpoint the most urgent need of the seminary at the present time is for an additional dormitory and for a gymnasium. It is also highly important that the endowment of the seminary be increased by at least $1,000,000.00 at the earliest practicable date to meet the demands of a growing student body and of the increasing costs of theological education. In this connection the seminary would call particular attention to the effort which is being made at this time to raise a fund of not less than $100,000.00 to endow the chair of Homiletics in honor of the late Dr. Peter Marshall, a distinguished alumnus of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. BAILEY, *Secretary*

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3. REPORT OF LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Louisville Presbyterian Seminary submits the following report for the academic year 1953-54:

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The terms of the following directors, elected by controlling synods, expire at the 1954 meetings of synods, or for other reasons require elections in accordance with the policies and procedures of the respective synods: (terms are 4 yrs.)

Alabama, US—Rev. George Lang, '54
Appalachia, US—None
Kentucky, US—Charles B. Castner, '54 (Deceased)
Missouri, US—W. H. Bronaugh, '54; Rev. Stuart D. Currie, '57 (Resigned)
Tennessee, US—Rev. W. J. Millard, '54; Rev. Charles E. Diehl, '57 (Resigned)
Florida, USA—None
Kentucky, USA—

Within bounds of synod—Rev. C. Ransom Comfort, '54; Rev. W. Russell Gilmore, 54
Without bounds of synod—Rev. Benj. J. Bush, '54
Mid-South, USA—None

II. The Faculty

Besides their teaching, preaching and lecturing, the following publications by members of the faculty have appeared during the year: Abingdon Press, *The Gospel and the Gospels*, Julian Price Love; Wm. B. Eerdmans, *The Meaning of Repentance*, W. D. Chamberlain (re-print); Abingdon Press, *Preaching Angles*, Frank H. Caldwell.

During the winter, at the request of Louisville Presbytery, a six weeks' Officer Training Course for Elders and Deacons was offered by the faculty, at which attendance averaged 435 for the series on six Sunday evenings.

At the 1954 Board meeting, Rev. L. C. Rudolph, A.D., B.D., was elected Assistant to the President and Instructor in Church History, to begin his work in the faculty in July, 1954. Mr. Rudolph is a native of Indiana, is 33 years old, a veteran of World War II, has his A.B. from Depauw University, his B.D. from Louisville Seminary, and has completed two years of his residence work toward the Ph.D. degree at Yale Divinity School.

III. The Students

Student enrollment, by two-year intervals during the post-war period, is indicated by the following table:

Specials	4	8	11	9	7
Postgraduates	14	13	17	25	24
Seniors	19	6	16	31	37
Middlers	8	21	27	49	37
Juniors	11	14	35	34	46
TOTALS	56	62	106	148	151

The current student body represents attendance from 29 states and 3 foreign countries and 89 institutions previously attended. Married students number 103, while 48 are unmarried. Mr. David Alexander, a Junior who graduated from Southwestern in 1953, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for two years of study at Oxford University. Six seniors were awarded fellowships, as follows: Mr. William Winch, Florida; Mr. Douglas Cater, Texas; Mr. Milton Brown, Alabama; Mr. S. Thomas Niccolls, Mississippi; Mr. Charles Ping, New York; and Mr. John D. Reese, of Alabama. Other prizes and awards have not been announced as this report is made.

IV. New Campus Site and Capital Funds Needs

At its 1953 meeting, the Board instructed the Executive Committee to seek to acquire a suitable new campus site of not less than 20 acres and to take steps in relation to controlling synods to raise funds for building a new plant estimated to cost at least $2,000,000.

Meanwhile, an almost ideal campus site of 30 acres has been purchased at the eastern edge of Seneca Park. Along one side of it is a municipal golf course, and buildings can be erected so as to overlook some two miles of the most beautiful park in Louisville, on which buildings cannot be erected.

V. Finances

The seminary is again closing its fiscal year with a balanced budget on current operations.

By means of gifts received through the Women of the Church, the Seminary has acquired at a cost of $46,809.54 and had in operation during the academic year 1953-54, the Presbyterian Furlough Home for Missionaries. Also, with funds received from the Building Funds Campaign of the U.S.A. Church, the seminary has acquired Marshall Hall as an additional part of its plant providing 10 apartments for married students.

In addition to these plant facilities aggregating $110,184, during the calendar year 1953 the seminary received in gifts, bequests and annuities a total of $138,465.73 for endowment funds.

The most pressing need of Louisville Seminary for the immediate future is for capital funds with which to build a plant on its new campus site.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. CALDWELL, *President*

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4. REPORT OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia submits the following report for the session of 1953-54 to the General Assembly:

I. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

Union Theological Seminary in Virginia is owned and controlled by the Synods of North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Appalachia through a board of 28 trustees elected by the synods. One-half of the trustees are ministers, and one-half are ruling elders or deacons. The President is a 29th trustee, ex-officio.

II. THE FACULTY

The faculty has enjoyed unusually good health this year. By order of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Lacy is on sabbatic leave getting a well-earned rest, following the successful completion of our Mid-Century Development Campaign. He is traveling in Europe, and will return about the middle of August. In his absence, Dr. William Taliaferro Thompson is serving as Acting President.

Three outstanding books were published by members of our faculty: *Fire In Thy Mouth,* by Dr. Donald G. Miller; *The Gospel According to Mark and Its Meaning For Today,* by Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson; Dr. John Bright's book, *The Kingdom of God,* won the Abingdon-Cokesbury award and has gained wide praise.

Dr. Robert White Kirkpatrick is assembling a notable library of recorded sermons and addresses, which will enable our students and ministers to hear the great preachers of the past and present, and to study their methods. A gift of Dr. Charles G. Reigner of Baltimore has made possible this collection.

III. STUDENTS AND DEGREES

There were 200 undergraduate students this year, and 117 men working on advanced degrees. These men come from 22 states and countries, and 105 literary institutions. In July a workshop on pastoral care and counseling will be held under the leadership of Dr. William B. Oglesby, Jr.

Fifty-nine students were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, and the degree of Master of Theology was earned by 9 ministers. Eight ministers completed the required work for the Doctor of Theology degree. Nine other men completed programs of study as special students. Six Fellowships were awarded for postgraduate study.

IV. SPECIAL LECTURES

Dr. Archibald MacBride Hunter, Professor of Biblical Criticism at Aberdeen University, delivered the James Sprunt Lectures on "The Relevancy of Paul's Gospel." During the Lecture Week three of our Professors delivered special addresses: Dr. Balmer Hancock Kelly, speaking on "A Theology for Proclamation"; Dr. Robert White Kirkpatrick, speaking on "Preaching as Experience"; and Dr. William Barr Oglesby, Jr., the Marthina DeFriece Professor of Pastoral Counseling, speaking on "Pastoral Counseling in the Theological Curriculum."

Numerous other prominent ministers and missionaries addressed the students during the week, among them the moderators of three Assemblies and the Rev. Billy Graham.

The Sprunt Lectures for 1954-1955 will be delivered by the Rev. Harold Henry

Rowley, D.D., F.B.A., Professor of Semitic Languages and Literature at Victoria University, Manchester, England.

V. Mid-Century Development Program

The Mid-Century Campaign of Union Theological Seminary came to a successful conclusion with a final campaign in the city of Richmond early in the spring. This brought the total pledges to $2,620,977.90, of which three-fifths has been paid to date. These gifts are already bearing useful fruit. Five new faculty homes were occupied in December; a 24-unit apartment building for married students will be ready for use at the beginning of school this fall; Melrose Hall is now being converted into a dormitory for married students, with accommodations for 15 couples.

For many years the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church congregation has worshipped in Schauffler Hall on the seminary campus. On May 30th they are moving to their new building, constructed a block away from the seminary. Schauffler Hall will be converted to the full-time use of the seminary, with an audio-visual educational center on the ground floor; the church auditorium on the main floor will be preserved and enlarged in seating capacity; the educational portion of the building will be used for seminary classes and by professors for conference rooms. It is hoped that these changes can be completed by fall, also.

A contract has been let for the enlargement of the Library building at a cost of $165,000. Nine study rooms will be provided for men engaged on special projects. There will be 50 carrels for use by the students, and book capacity will be increased by approximately 30,000 volumes. In addition, the east wing of the building will be re-arranged to provide more space for reserve book reading.

The 18,000 people who have had a part in this great undergirding of the work of the seminary can indeed be pleased with what has been accomplished already. More importantly, the additions to the endowment funds of the seminary will enable an early increase in the faculty and better training for more students.

VI. Forward Steps

Apart from the campaign, there was added to our capital funds during the past year $28,655.53.

We look forward with confidence that in the Providence of God Union Theological Seminary will be able to do its part in training the greatly increased number of ministers who will be needed by our Church during the years immediately ahead.

Respectfully submitted by order of the
Board of Trustees,
M. W. Norfleet, Jr., *Secretary*

VII. DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

Report of the Council of Christian Relations

The report of the Council of Christian Relations to the 94th General Assembly is composed of two parts. The first part is a study entitled "The Church and Segregation" with recommendations. The second part is a statement entitled, "The Christian Faith and Communism," for the consideration and action of the General Assembly.

I

The Church and Segregation

The 93rd General Assembly placed in the hands of The Council of Christian Relations a resolution offered by Rev. Jack W. Ewart relative to segregation in church-controlled institutions. The General Assembly directed that the Council study the resolution and report to the 94th General Assembly. The resolution reads as follows:

Resolution

"1. That the General Assembly in carrying out the implications of this action (adoption of Section III, Race Relations, report of Division of Christian Relations)

shall direct the trustees of all its institutions of higher education to open its doors to all races;

"2. That the General Assembly strongly recommends the same action to synods and presbyteries;

"3. That the local churches be directed to examine their own life, and practice no discrimination within its fellowship or outreach."

After careful study the Council of Christian Relations offers this report with recommendations. The report consists of three parts: I. The Bible and Human Relationships. II.. Racial Integration. III. The Position of the Church.

I. *The Bible and Human Relationships*

Any study of relationships involving people of different cultural and racial background is essentially a study of human relationships. It is important in such a study to recognize the authority of Scripture. Attention is called to the following basic truths relevant to our study which are taught in Scripture:

1. *The Sovereignty of God*

The first of these truths is that God is One and He is Ruler over all creation. His will is right and shall be done in heaven and in earth. This truth is set forth in striking terms by John on the isle of Patmos when he had a vision of God's judgment upon the evil forces of the world. "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Revelation 19:6. God being sovereign Ruler of the universe "man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

2. *The Dignity of Man*

A second basic truth found in Scripture relevant to our study is that every person is of infinite value and has infinite possibilities. This truth is set forth principally in the doctrine of creation; in the doctrine of the Incarnation; and in the doctrine of redemption. Scripture teaches that man was created *in the image of God.* It is believed that this has reference to man's capacity to think, to feel, to will—a spiritual being who can know God, love Him and communicate with Him.

The dignity of man is further set forth in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Said the writer of the Fourth Gospel: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14. In Jesus we behold the perfect man, "the image of the invisible God." In Him we see God's ideal for man.

The infinite value of every person is finally and completely demonstrated in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

3. *The Oneness of Mankind.*

A third basic truth is the oneness of mankind. This truth is supported in Scripture by *five facts.* The *first* of these is the fact of creation. The story of creation as given in the Book of Genesis shows the common origin of man.

The *second* fact in support of man's oneness is the Providence of God. The Hebrew people were chosen by God not because they were better than other peoples, but that He might use them in revealing Himself to the world. His blessings are poured out upon all people. It is significant that in Scripture the usual division between peoples has to do with the two groups, Jews and Gentiles, or believers and non-believers.

The *third* fact is that God's plan of redemption applies to all people alike. The circumstances of one's birth do not affect God's will to redeem that individual. It is God's will that all should come to a knowledge of the truth. Said the apostle Peter: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34, 35.

The *fourth* fact is that God's law for human relationships, the law of love, applies to all people alike. Jesus in the parable of the Good Samaritan indicates that one's cultural and racial background is not to be determinative in the application of this law. The Christian law of love transcends the barrier of race.

The *fifth* fact supporting the oneness of mankind is that God's judgment upon people is impartial. His judgment is based upon moral principles and not upon externalities. In the Parable of the Judgment, Jesus warned that all nations would be gathered before the Son of Man to be judged. The basis of the judgment would be their relationship to Him manifested in their behavior toward their fellowmen.

CONCLUSIONS

Five conclusions concerning human relationships are reached from a careful study of the Bible. 1. God is the sovereign Ruler over all Creation. Man's chief end therefore is to glorify Him. 2. God in His concern for, and in His dealing with man, is no respecter of persons. The people of Israel were chosen for His instrument in the salvation of all people which points up this truth. Since Christ died for all, Christians are constrained to look upon all people as those for whom Christ died, even as the apostle Paul said: "Henceforth know we no man after the flesh." 2 Corinthians 5:16a. 3. Every person is of infinite value, and therefore of equal value in the sight of God. In His sight there is no "superior race." Rather all people have been created in His image and are to be treated as such. 4. People while differing in outward appearance are essentially *one*. They have fundamentally the same needs, aspirations, hopes and fears. God in Christ is the goal of their life and their souls are restless till they repose in Him. 5. It is God's will that the law of Christian love be operative in all human relationships. Guided by this law Christians recognize and meet need apart from the circumstances of one's birth and culture.

People are to be looked upon and treated as people. Whatever injures or prevents the growth of human personality is contrary to the law of love. The Christian's conduct toward others must be guided by the law of neighborliness which seeks the welfare and happiness of all people.

II. *Racial Integration—Experience in Certain Areas*

In considering the policy to be followed by the church with reference to segregation, it should be helpful to discover the extent of integration and how it has worked in certain areas.

1. *Higher Education*

(a) *Church Colleges*

From a study made of one hundred and sixteen white colleges representing twenty denominations in sixteen southern states and the District of Columbia in 1951[1], fifty-nine colleges reported 311 students who belonged to racial minority groups and were permanent residents in the United States. These groups were represented as follows: 13 Japanese-American students; 13 Chinese-American students; 13 Indian-American students; 124 Mexican-American students; 31 Puerto Rican students and 58 Negro-American students. Six of these colleges reported enrollment of Negro students. Of these, two operated on a segregated basis. The four non-segregated colleges were located in Texas, Missouri and West Virginia.

Nine colleges reported that their practice of not admitting Negro students was based upon the behavior patterns of the population in the geographical area in which they were located.

Generally speaking, there were no great problems confronted on the campus or classroom in those colleges accepting minority groups. Said one report: "We have had Negro-American students in our college and would again consider such students for admission." This represents the opinion of the other institutions. In those colleges where minority groups have not been accepted, two opinions prevail. One is represented in the statement: "It does not seem to be the policy of southern schools other than state institutions to admit Negroes." The other is represented in the statement: "We have no regulation against the admission of Negro students. We have not had applications from Negroes. Although their admission might create some problems, we would nevertheless live up to our Christian profession and act on such an application in the same way in which we would act on the application of a white student."

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[1]Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, National Council of Churches.

More recent studies indicate that thirty-four church related or private institutions now admit students on an inter-racial basis. Of this number, twenty-one are Roman Catholic.

(b) *Theological Seminaries*

In a recent study of thirty white Protestant theological seminaries and schools of religion in the south,[2] representing ten denominations, one interdenominational and four nondenominational groups, it was discovered that 117 Negro students have been enrolled. Of these students, 65 were undergraduates. Of the total enrollment, institutions in four states accounted for 112 students. These states were Texas, Missouri, Kentucky and Virginia. Application for admission from Negroes to theological seminaries in the south is comparatively recent. In 1935, Negro students were first admitted to two white Protestant seminaries. Ten seminaries in the last five years have received Negro students. (Our four seminaries and the General Assembly's Training School receive Negro students. Ten of these accept such students on a fully integrated basis. Other institutions observed certain restrictions such as "no dining-room facilities" or "lack of dormitory space."

Practically no difficulties have arisen in those seminaries where Negro students have been admitted. There have been no "incidents." Typical of the experience of seminaries are the following statements from officials in these institutions: "Our students have reacted favorably to their presence (Negro students) on our campus and have accepted them the same as they would the 'white brethren'."

"For the most part, the Negro students became well adjusted to their environment."

"So far as I am aware, there were no tensions, strained relations, or embarrassments in this first effort of this seminary to adjust itself to an inter-racial situation."

"We have had no problems of any kind connected with Negro students and the almost unanimous opinion of our students is that if qualified Negro candidates of our own Church apply to this Seminary, they should be admitted without discrimination."

Five of the thirty institutions included in the study up to the present time have not accepted Negro students. Reasons for not accepting these students are found in such statements as the following:

"There is a fully accredited seminary (Negro) belonging to the denomination where all the Negro students attend."

"It is our policy to work within the framework of the prevailing policies of segregation which exist in the state . . . nor do we expect to admit Negro students until the policies regarding segregation in the state may be so modified as to make such admission of Negro students in conformity with the general practice throughout this area."

"Since traditionally we have not received Negro students, we deem it wise not to change our policy."

(c) *State Universities*

During the past four years, more than one thousand Negro students have been enrolled in state universities in the south.[3] At the beginning of the 1953 term, only five state universities had not opened their doors to Negroes. The policy of accepting such students has usually resulted from court action. In June, 1947, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas voluntarily ruled that any qualified Negro student would be admitted to courses not provided by the state-supported Negro college at Pine Bluff. The first Negro to enter a state university in any of the Southern states since Reconstruction days was admitted to the School of Law of the University of Arkansas on February 1, 1949. Within five years, twenty other institutions had followed this pattern.

Admission of Negro students to state universities is usually limited to graduate and professional courses. The University of Louisville, a municipally supported institution,

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[2]Study made by Secretary of Division of Christian Relations.

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[3]It should be noted that there is an annual enrollment of 700,000 students in schools of higher learning in the south.

which in 1951 absorbed a city-supported Negro college, at least in effect integrated the two undergraduate student bodies.

Official reports from those institutions where Negro students have been admitted indicate that there have been no serious problems. In general, both faculty and student bodies have accepted the transition in the best democratic manner.

2. *Armed Forces*

Since 1948 it has been the policy of the Department of Defense to have equality of treatment and opportunity for all personnel of the Armed Forces without regard for race. Executive Order 9981 issued July 26, 1948 stated: "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. This policy shall be put into effect as rapidly as possible, having due regard to the time required to effectuate any necessary changes without impairing efficiency or morale."

The most recent published report indicates that in the Army, approximately 90% of the Negro soldiers are serving on an integrated basis; the Navy is making considerable progress in opening specialist ratings to colored personnel; and in the Air Force more positions with command responsibility are being made available to Negro officers.

The policy has proven its merit. The President's Committee stated in its findings in 1950: "As a result of its examination into the rules, procedures and practices of the armed services, both past and present, the committee is convinced that a policy of equality of treatment and opportunity will make for a better Army, Navy and Air Force. It is right and just. It will strengthen the nation.

"The integrity of the individual, his equal worth in the sight of God, his equal protection under the law, his equal rights and obligations of citizenship and his equal opportunity to make just and constructive use of his endowment—these are the very foundations of the American system of values."

States James C. Evans, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense: "Possibly the outstanding aspect of this development of the armed services . . . relates to the fact that there have been no untoward incidents as equity of opportunity has been more generally extended to all who wear the uniform of the United States of America."[4]

In his book, "Break Through On the Color Front," Lee Nichols speaking on the practice of integration followed by the Armed Forces in the Korean War concludes: "The new policy had been tried in the fire of battle in Korea and officially was recorded as a success. Leading officials of all services who had seen it work said almost unanimously, 'We will never go back to segregation'."[5]

From conversations with officials at Army installations in the South the following seems to be their general observation:

> "In keeping with established Department of Defense policies there is no discriminatory segregation. Negro soldiers have and exercise the same privilege as soldiers of other races. It is not enough to contrast the colored soldier with his white contemporary because the Army installation is truly a cosmopolitan community. Every major race, creed and color is represented. This cosmopolitan atmosphere made segregation an anomaly even before official steps were taken to abolish discrimination.
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> "Military men have for years recognized that segregated units are an inefficient use of the Negro manpower available for the defense of the country. The performance of all-Negro units was often sub-standard primarily because of relative educational and environmental factors.
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> "The comradeship of the battlefield has developed a great and abiding moral opposition to any artificial social stratification of human beings. Two men who have faced

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[4] In letter to Secretary of Division of Christian Relations dated January 26, 1954.

[5] Lee Nichols, "Break Through On the Color Front," Random House, N. Y. 1954, pg. 6. 7. This book is commended by James C. Evans, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense.

death together, often in mutual trust, are not likely to take kindly to a social distinction which robs their combat experience of its dignity or worth.

"Military men have a continuing responsibility to develop to the maximum the military potential of all subordinates. Segregation made this obligation difficult to discharge.

"So for reasons primarily of self-interest to the military, segregation was legally abolished in the Armed Forces. The results in Army installations have been unspectacular—but not disappointingly so. Non-segregation is an accepted fact legally and is rapidly being accepted without animosity emotionally and socially. Colored soldiers compete freely for positions of leadership and trust.

"The post social community has accepted with varying degrees of individual suspicion and trepidation the results of official non-segregation. Many persons resent Negro patronage of clubs and facilities formerly for other than Negroes only. The ever-present semi-official nature of Army social life plus the sincere desire of people of good will to conform to the spirit as well as the letter of the law, however, has acted as an effective curb to acts of hostility.

"To summarize: Non-segregation is a fact in Army installations and an official success. It is not an unqualified social success. The discipline of Military intelligent, self-interest plus the efforts of dedicated persons of good will serve to create a favorable climate for better relationship."

One Army official, a Presbyterian elder, makes the following arresting statement:

"If there was a similar factor of discipline, such as the discipline of Christian churchmanship, in civilian communities, I feel that the same non-segregation steps could be taken with the same chance of success."

3. *Other Areas*

In many other areas there is a trend toward a policy of no racial discrimination.

Among such areas are the following:

(1) Industry—In industry there are cases in increasing numbers where the policy of no discrimination in employment is being practiced. For example, when International Harvester Company establishes a new plant, as in Louisville and Memphis, this policy is explained thoroughly to the community and to those who apply for jobs. Upgrading and promotion to better jobs are done on the basis of seniority and ability. Another industry reports no trouble whatsoever where white people work with two minority groups.

(2) Labor—A number of labor unions are working toward the practice of no discrimination in their activities. The type of industry to some extent determines the practice of the labor union. When a large per cent of the workers are Negro, it is not likely that labor unions will show any discrimination. It has been estimated that out of a total of 2,750,000 members of labor unions in the South, 700,000 are Negroes.

(3) Elective and Appointive Officers—Indicative of the spirit of the times is the election of Negroes to places of responsibility in community life. Five cities in North Carolina last year elected Negroes to their city councils, namely, Wilson, Gastonia, Chapel Hill, Durham and Greensboro. The city of Atlanta last year elected Dr. Rufus Clement to be a member of the city school board. He was the first Negro since Reconstruction Days to be so elected. Dr. Clement, president of Atlanta University, carried 40 out of 58 precincts, including a majority of the white precincts. The practice of using Negroes as policemen and in other appointive offices has proven very satisfactory in many cities. A report recently released by the Southern Regional Council makes encouraging reading. In a survey of 16 southern cities, the council found a total of 6,487 Negro workers employed by the municipalities. While 5,590 of these are in service and unskilled classifications, 468 others are employed in professional and managerial positions, 71 are semiprofessionals and 358 are skilled and semiskilled employees.

(4) Library Service—Studies made last year show that in fifty-nine cities and towns of the South, Negroes have free use of the main public library in that community. Twenty-four communities give limited service to Negroes in the main public library. Eleven communities give equal service to Negroes in their main library. In three library systems, Negroes are represented on their boards.

(5) Public Transportation and Meeting Places—Knoxville's City Council recently voted unanimously to end racial segregation in the privately operated Municipal Airport. The Virginia Council of Churches has been urging the abolition of segregation on common carriers and in public meeting places. Similar action has been taken by the Richmond and Lynchburg Ministerial Associations, both of which are interracial. A number of cities are considering the setting up of a Racial Committee or a similar one for the study of such problems.

(6) Public Worship—Churches of various communions are giving careful thought to their practice of segregation in public worship. Notable was the statement of Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Roman Catholic Bishop of Raleigh, issued in a pastoral letter read at all Masses in his Diocese on June 21, 1953, abolishing segregation. One paragraph in his letter is especially pertinent. Said he: "The Church does not propose tolerance which is negative, but love which is positive. If Christ said love your enemies, we certainly can love our friends. These (Negroes) are our friends and members of our own body, the Church. It is our duty, as Christians of the early day, not only to love them but to serve them, to help them. We need to help them get better educational facilities, better opportunities for culture, better living conditions, better jobs, better pay, better homes and families, better civic representation and better friendliness in the community and all of this presupposes the right to worship God freely with us in the Church anywhere."

III. *The Position of the Church*

Since segregation of the white and Negro people continues to diminish it is time to determine the Church's relationship to this trend. This state of flux is due to two dynamic forces at work, the Federal Constitution and the Christian conscience, the one legal and the other spiritual, the one finding expression in statutes and court decisions, and the other in personal conduct, in the voice and policies of the Church. If it be judged that segregation is not merely the separation of two peoples, but the subordination of one people to another, we can, on good evidence, observe that the courts have shown more sympathy toward the Negro than has the Church. The Church would then find itself in the embarrassing position of having to adjust its sense of morality to measure up to the mores of the state. This would belie its pristine nature. Our Christ was and still is ahead of the times; the customs, traditions, and laws of it. The Church must strive to keep apace of its Master or become bereft of His spirit.

Our religious convictions form the dynamic for the making, amending and repealing of laws. We recognize three levels of relationship, the legal, the ethical and the spiritual. A law is the least common denominator of human behavior. It is a restraint so generally acceptable that it can be enforced without curtailing freedom. Behind every set of laws is a code of ethics which contains the unwritten laws of corporate life. Unwritten laws, as they become generally taught and observed, are subsequently codified. Behind every code of ethics is a concept of God so that ultimately, every human relationship, whether it be voluntary or prescribed by statute, is determined by what a man believes about God. It will be a sad day for the Church if these three levels of relationship should be inverted, that is, if our belief in a personal God should permit us to foster a relationship inferior to that which impersonal law demands. If this should happen, the Church would lose its status as the conscience of society, its intangible, controlling and quickening force.

With special reference to the resolution placed in the hands of the Council of Christian Relations by the 93rd General Assembly for study and recommendations the Council recognizes that in Presbyterian procedure, the General Assembly does not *direct* that certain changes in educational and cultural patterns be adopted. On the other hand, the Council understands that the General Assembly may properly *urge* the adoption of such changes in the practices of the Church. In keeping with this procedure, therefore, the following recommendations are offered:

1. That the General Assembly affirm that enforced segregation of the races is discrimination which is out of harmony with Christian theology and ethics and that the Church, in its relationship to cultural patterns, should lead rather than follow.

2. That the General Assembly, therefore, submit this report for careful study throughout the Church, and that it especially urge:

(1) That the trustees of institutions of higher education belonging to the General Assembly adopt a policy of opening the doors of these institutions to all races.

(2) That the synods consider earnestly the adoption of a similar recommendation to trustees of institutions under their control.

(3) That the governing bodies of the various conferences held throughout the Church consider the adoption of a similar policy.

(4) That the sessions of local churches admit persons to membership and fellowship in the local church on the Scriptural basis of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ without reference to race.

(5) That in this time of crisis and concern, we commend to all individuals in our communion and especially to all leaders of our churches the earnest cultivation and practice of the Christian graces of forbearance, patience, humility and persistent good will.

A STATEMENT TO SOUTHERN CHRISTIANS

For many Christians of the South, disturbed already by signs that segregation is on the way out, the recent decision of our Supreme Court has sharpened the horns of an old and painful dilemma. With one voice the Court has declared that sooner or later, by one means or another, segregation in our public schools must end. This ruling has come at a time when many Southern leaders are questioning the rightness of segregation on Christian grounds. Yet in spite of these judgments that point toward the ideal, and which call for still greater changes in our social patterns, the fact remains that thousands of these Christians have their doubts. And their fears.

Some of these folk are white, some are Negroes. They are not enemies of one another. It would not be fair to call them even opponents of one another. Whatever their differences, they have for the most part lived side by side for years in mutual respect and good will. They would like to go on living together in harmony and dignity and justice, as good Christians and good Americans. Yet they are troubled. Many are deeply troubled.

The mood of many might be summed up in this question: Granting that segregation falls short of perfection, will the Christian way, the more democratic way as some describe it, really *work* at the present stage of our development as a region?

There are some who go further. "In view of the hard and stubborn realities of our social situation," they say, "can we *ever* really conform and adjust to what our American and Christian creeds are said to demand?"

It is this conflict between the ideal and the actual, or what some might call the Utopia and the possible, that creates for countless members of our Southern churches one of the most difficult set of alternatives they have ever faced.

As Southerners who are also Christians, how shall be meet this situation?

Let us look first at what is perhaps the most serious and influential doubt in the minds of many of the white members of our churches. This doubt, which might be called the crux of the segregation question for many white Southerners, is at its core religious and theological. It is a doubt as to the soundness of the Christian doctrine of man. It springs, in effect, from a certain view of the nature and worth and status of the Negro as a human being. This view holds that Negroes, though truly human and members of the family of God, are nonetheless inferior beings who belong to an innately inferior race.

But how sound is this view? How well does it fit in with the Christian teaching about the nature of man?

As those whose faith bids us "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good"—good by the standards of our faith—it should help us in meeting our present situation if we remember just when this view of the Negro arose, and why it was advanced. The belief that some people are inferior to others because of their race or ancestry is nowhere supported by the Bible. It is nowhere set forth in the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, or Paul or those of the great fathers of the Church. Like

Hitler's "master race" theory, the doctrine of Negro inferiority is a purely secular doctrine. It arose and gained favor in our country partly as a result of the slave system.

This fact should give us pause. May it be that some in our region are fearful of integrating all our children into a single school system because of notions which are plainly out of place in a Christian mind and heart? Humility bids us raise the question, and growing numbers of our people are saying that, for themselves at least, their earlier view on this matter must be given up.

Two things in particular have played a part in this change of outlook. One is the testimony of our present-day scientists whose specialty has been the study of the races of mankind. The old idea that Negroes are by nature inferior to Caucasians has no standing whatever among the recognized anthropologists of our day. Their finds show that while there are good and bad "strains" in all branches of the human family—the Caucasoid, the Negroid, and the Mongoloid—the common contention that one particular branch is inherently superior to the others is not supported by the facts. As one American anthropologist puts it, "There are only superior individuals, and they are members of all races."

A second thing that is leading many among us to a different point of view is the impressive and notable record of progress which our Negro people themselves have made. What science is teaching in words, many Negroes are demonstrating in life and deeds. In its 1949 report to the General Assembly, entitled "States Rights and Human Rights," your Council on Christian Relations drew attention to the fact that although "a host of able and cultured Negroes remain unseen and unknown by white people, yet this rapidly growing group—teachers, editors, artists, poets, scholars and statesmen—today enrich our common life with . . . a multitude of personal and social achievements. They are proving that, given the chance, Negroes can take as high a polish as any people among us . . . and if as a race they give us any cause for wonder, it is not that so many of them, with little but their bootstraps to lift themselves by, still remain backward. The wonder is that so many others, against enormous odds, have gone so far and accomplished so much."

The meaning of such facts, if signs can be believed, is not being lost today on the minds of many thoughtful Southerners. More and more, they are realizing that the Christian doctrine of man applies equally to all races, and that persons whom our faith does not put asunder in its teaching, man must not put asunder at the level of practical living. They are realizing that the old dogma of Negro inferiority must be laid aside and that Negroes must be judged, like all the children of God, on the basis of their character and ability as individual men and women. And by the acceptance of this new spiritual position they have cleared the ground, in many minds, for the acceptance of the *idea of non-segregation* at least.

The question then comes, What about the practical problems which will attend the change from a segregated to a non-segregated society? This is a serious question and as we face it many fears are being felt.

Let us begin with the fear that with the disappearance of segregation Southern white people will be forced against their will to accept as social intimates or companions persons whose fellowship at this level they do not desire.

This fear should be examined with care. For if the setting aside of our present system actually made such results inevitable, the very prospect of the change might well give us pause. The wish to be free to pick one's friends and associates socially is normal and understandable. No person of feeling wants to be compelled to do otherwise. Any social arrangement that violates the individual's right to personal privacy would be unjust and offensive, and any state that tried to bring it about would expose itself to the charge of tyranny.

A careful look at the facts, however, should make it plain that no such dire developments will occur. Consider the situation socially within the white group alone. Within this group, under a policy of free association uncontrolled by law, no individual is compelled to extend social privileges to anybody else regardless of his personal desires and preferences. His home he need not open to anyone he wishes to bar from his door —his home is still his "castle." His social circle he can make and keep as exclusive as he pleases. His amusements and recreations within that circle can be restricted to

those with whom he finds himself congenial. What is more, the average white citizen today is completely free from any fear that his rights in this field will ever be challenged by another white person whose social fellowship he does not desire.

In short, what we have within the white group now is what might be called a pattern of voluntary separation and voluntary intermingling on the basis of personal tastes and common interests. It is a pattern of freedom that we not only accept as normal and wise but which all citizens would defend, if need be, with zeal and vigor.

As our present racial system gives way to a different order, therefore, it seems reasonable to believe that what has always been possible among white people will also be the prevailing pattern among whites and Negroes, and that this situation will prevail in our schools as it does now, and will continue to prevail in all other areas of life. Indeed, in view of what has already taken place in areas where segregation is not required, there is no sound basis for the belief that any different situation will ever come to pass in the South.

After many years of working with Negroes in all parts of the country, Dr. Will W. Alexander, a native Southerner with wide experience in this field, declared: "American Negroes are not seeking an opportunity to mingle with whites. They desire freedom and opportunity to live as Americans." Reasonable Negro leaders not only agree with this —they have spelled out the fact in unmistakable terms. In concluding a book of essays by various writers entitled *What the Negro Wants*, its editor, Rayford W. Logan, said:

> "In the name of democracy for all Americans we ask these irreducible fundamentals of first-class citizenship for all Negroes:
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> 1. Equality of opportunity
> 2. Equal pay for equal work
> 3. Equal protection of the laws
> 4. Equality of suffrage
> 5. Equal recognition of the dignity of the human being
> 6. Abolition of public segregation"

The phrasing of this last goal, which accords with general Negro sentiment, is both significant and reassuring. It is "public segregation," along with the civil inequalities to which segregation often leads, that Negroes wish to see abolished. To suppose that they are pressing for such changes in order to force themselves upon persons who would resent or resist such intermingling is not only to misunderstand their aims and motives—it is also (perhaps without realizing it) to offend their common sense as well. As public segregation disappears we may safely assume that as long as the attitude of many white Southerners remains what it is, Negroes will not wish to associate with them. Far from needing laws to keep Negroes from pushing themselves into circles where nobody wants them, any such artificial behaviour would be equally distasteful to both races.

This fact has a vital bearing upon another fear—the fear that doing away with segregation will lead to widespread intermarriage. Perhaps no phase of our problem is more highly charged with emotion or more in need of calm and sober analysis. As Southerners therefore who are bidden of our Lord to love God "with all our minds," we should seek to submit our feelings to the discipline of facts and to welcome all truth that may help us to do this.

The belief that Negroes secretly wish for equal rights in order to be able to marry across the color line is basically a fiction. It is doubtless true, as Dr. Robert R. Moton put it, that "theoretically Negroes would all subscribe to the right of freedom of choice in marriage even between the two races," but in this statement the word "theoretically" should be noted with care. Quite naturally our Negro citizens do not wish to be considered "so diverse from God's other creatures as to make the blending of the races contrary to the law of nature." Yet the fact that Negroes resent being called inferior does not mean that they seek in practice to assert their racial pride or defend their racial dignity by marrying white people. They know as well as any of us that interracial intermarriage is beset by enormous practical difficulties, that most members of both groups frown upon it severely, and that there is no likelihood that this condition will change in the foreseeable future.

Careful studies of the current rate of interracial intermarriage in states that allow such unions amply bear out this contention. In their recent book, "*Racial and Cultural Minorities*, Simpson and Yinger report that "racial intermarriage does not occur frequently in the United States." They further state that "the Negro-white intermarriage rates in New York City, New York State, Boston, and Los Angeles have been from 1 to 5 per cent of all marriages in which Negroes participated. These marriages appear to be declining." In Boston, where the most complete facts on Negro-white intermarriage have been gathered, there has been a steady decrease in Negro-white intermarriage since 1914, and in the latest period studied the proportion of Negro-white marriages in all marriages involving whites was only slightly more than one-tenth of one per cent.

Apart from the strong social currents that most interracial marriages are forced to swim against, there is another fact that helps to explain their rarity. People everywhere tend to marry persons of similar cultural background, be the background religious, national, social or racial, and this tendency is particularly strong where cultural patterns in the field of race are involved. Marriage in defiance of these differences is not simply abnormal but also full of hazards, and the overwhelming majority of people in every cultural group have no desire to run such a risk and perhaps gamble away their chance of marital happiness.

There are countless white families in the South whose sons most white parents do not wish their daughters to marry. But these parents do not, for that reason, demand that these white families be forcibly segregated or in any way restricted in the use or enjoyment of any public services provided by the community. They rely on something else entirely. They depend rather on the kind of teaching and example they provide in the home to instill into their daughters the sort of knowledge and preferences that will guide them aright in the selection of a marriage partner. This method most of us recognize as soundly democratic and Christian, and it is also the only method which, on the score of practical effectiveness, can be trusted as psychologically sound. For this reason it may also be accepted and trusted when our Negro people are given the same legal rights and educational opportunities which the white group now enjoys.

The absence of segregation laws in the North and West does not seem to cause parents any special concern over the marital prospects of their daughters. These parents seem to proceed on the assumption that when their daughters marry they will do so in the light of the social realities and at the bidding not merely of their feelings but of their intelligence and training as well.

There is no reason, therefore, why we in the South should not face the future in the same spirit and with the same faith. There is no real reason to fear that the passing of segregation will mean the collapse or crumbling of our present marriage and family patterns. On the contrary, what works to guarantee the survival of these patterns in the North will also work in the South.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Having in mind the recent decision by the Supreme Court of the United States concerning segregation, the Assembly commends the principle of the decision and urges all members of our churches to consider thoughtfully and prayerfully the complete solution of the problem involved. It also urges all our people to lend their assistance to those charged with the duty of implementing the decision, and to remember that appeals to racial prejudice will not help but hinder the accomplishment of this aim.

II.

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND COMMUNISM

As Christians we are committed to the propagation of the Christian faith and to Christian standards of conduct.

In the face of Communism, therefore, we must stand unalterably opposed to the anti-religious philosophy, the total regimentation, the deceitful propaganda, the violent and the other characteristic methods, and the aggressive aims of world Communism.

It has long been known that Communists have sought to permeate their converts with

the idea that "religion is the opiate of the people." Their's is a materialistic interpretation of history.

Such a philosophy requires the complete allegiance of all members of the Communist state. The mind, heart and hands of the people must yield to the will of the totalitarian rule. This enslavement is won by the promise of peace and plenty—even freedom. Too late such promises are discovered to be false. Suspicion and fear take the place of peace; plenty is found to be short-lived and freedom succumbs to servitude. Obedience to the new order is maintained by the pressure of force. Evidence is abundant that any means to secure this subjection is considered by the leaders of World Communism to be justifiable.

It has become increasingly clear that the goal of Communism is world domination. No one of us should be so naive as to suppose that anything short of such a goal fits into the pattern of this atheistic philosophy.

At the same time we must distinguish between certain social ideals and hopes which both Communists and Christians profess to hold and the ideology, faith and methods in which they so radically differ.

Communists often attach their banner to popular and patriotic causes and make a strong appeal where inequalities, injustices and hunger prevail. But this does not mean that we have become communistic when we also speak out boldly for justice, equality and social welfare, for these are basic standards in our Faith. We must not yield to the subtle suggestion that in working for peace, brotherhood or a better life for all humanity, we are thereby unfaithful to the Gospel of Christ. We should keep before us as our goal, the Kingdom of God, and refuse to identify that kingdom with any political or economic system in our country or anywhere in the world. We shall continue to strive to bring our political and economic systems more fully into harmony with the basic principles of God's Kingdom.

We should be on our guard against totalitarian techniques of the right or left and set our faces against any such trends as these wherever they may be found. We should reject denunciation by hearsay and rumor, villification on the basis of unproved charges, hysterical spread of suspicion and distrust, and careless charges and defamation of character without the full investigation of facts.

Our Christian faith impels us to work harder than ever for an easing of the world tensions that may lead to war, believing that God can work miracles through men and women who are humble, penitent and dedicated to His will.

We should face the future unafraid in the sure confidence that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ will give grace, wisdom and courage to His Church during these days of testing and in these days of opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Members of Council of Christian Relations.

VIII. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEGRO WORK CAMPAIGN

The 1952 General Assembly instructed this committee to prosecute a Presbyterian Negro Work Campaign during 1953 for $2,000,000, the proceeds to be divided equally

between Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and the Board of Church Extension's Negro Work Department.

We report that such an effort was conducted in the time designated; that a total of $2,223,354 was subscribed by congregations, individuals, and charitable Foundations; and, that $816,227 had been paid in cash by April 1, 1954, the date of this report. In addition, $88,211 had been credited to churches for capital funds raised by them and spent for local Negro church buildings. This latter amount is carried on our campaign books as "project credits," and is prorated to the Negro Work Department of the Board of Church Extension. Combining cash receipts and project credits indicates that the campaign has produced at the date of this report a total of $904,438. On that date, 422 churches had paid their quotas in full.

Rev. Richard R. Potter, Campaign Director, resigned, when the campaign was completed, to accept the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia, leaving the office in charge of Miss Emily Campbell, who had been his efficient assistant. The records are now being processed in an office furnished to us by the Board of Church Extension, with the address still Post Office Box 1171, Atlanta, Georgia.

The campaign on which we are reporting has been a wonderful experience for all of us who worked in it. Very humbly we record here our gratitude to God whose manifest blessing has rested upon the effort from the first day until now. During all the campaign, doors have been opened, hearts have been touched, and prayers have been answered in such a way as to rebuke our little faith and encourage us for all the days ahead. The thing that has happened leaves us with nothing to say except, "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

RECOMMENDATIONS

We offer the following recommendations for such action as the Assembly may deem wise:

1. That the Assembly officially express its appreciation to the several thousand persons who worked so faithfully as volunteers in this campaign.

2. That equally sincere appreciation be expressed to every congregation, individual, and Foundation making gifts.

3. That special appreciation be expressed to Rev. Richard R. Potter, the Director, to Miss Emily Campbell, Assistant, and to Mr. Herman Jones, Jr., the Campaign Treasurer.

4. That Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta be thanked for providing free office space to the campaign for a year and a half.

5. That all who have pledges outstanding be urged to pay them as promptly as possible, in order to guarantee our receiving a $100,000 conditional gift on which the end of 1955 has been set as a time limit by the Foundation so generously granting it.

6. That supervision of the Campaign Office hereafter be made the responsibility of the Board of Church Extension, authorizing the Board to retain the services of such members of the Campaign Committee, in an advisory capacity, as it may deem needful to a final conclusion of this effort.

7. That Mr. Herman Jones, Jr., Executive Vice President of the First National Bank of Atlanta, be asked to continue as Treasurer of the Presbyterian Negro Work Campaign until its books are closed.

8. That the Board of Church Extension and the Treasurer be instructed to make progress reports on the campaign to each Assembly until at least $2,000,000 has been collected and prorated.

9. That the Negro Work Campaign Committee be now discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patrick D. Miller, *Minister Chairman*

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IX. STANDING RULES

1. Organization

(1) The General Assembly shall meet annually on the Thursday which follows the first Sunday in June, at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly shall meet at the place designated by the preceding Assembly, but in the event of an emergency preventing the meeting at such place, the Moderator shall designate a place of meeting. The Assembly shall seek to meet at least every other year elsewhere than at Montreat.

(2) All churches which desire to entertain the Assembly shall officially notify the Stated Clerk at or before the convening of the Assembly, and he shall inform the Assembly of all invitations.

(3) The Assembly shall be opened with a sermon preached by the retiring Moderator. The Lord's Supper will be observed after the sermon at 11 o'clock a.m. Sunday.

(4) After the reading by the Stated Clerk of the roll of the commissioners present and enrolled by him, a Moderator shall be elected. Nominations for Moderator shall be received but only one speech not exceeding ten minutes in length nominating a commissioner for Moderator shall be made; and only one speech seconding a nomination not exceeding five minutes in length shall be made. This rule shall also apply to the selection of the place of meeting of the Assembly.

(5) After all nominations have been made and seconded, the Assembly shall proceed to the election of a Moderator in the following manner: If more than one commissioner is nominated, the election shall be by ballot. The Stated Clerk shall have suitable blank ballots prepared and cause same to be distributed among the commissioners for use in the election. The Stated Clerk shall appoint two tellers to count and tabulate the vote and report the tabulation to him. The ballots of the enrolled commissioners shall be collected and delivered to the tellers by commissioners appointed by the presiding officer for such purpose. If there are more than two nominees and no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be called; but all of the nominees except the two receiving the largest number of votes shall be dropped on the second ballot. An election shall be declared by the Moderator when a nominee shall have received a majority of the votes cast by the commissioners present and voting. As soon as the Moderator shall have been elected, he shall assume his duties as Moderator.

(6) In the election of the Moderator the tellers shall retire to an anteroom and count the ballots, bringing back the results to the Assembly.

2. The Moderator

(1) The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Assembly except when he may temporarily invite a commissioner to act as Presiding Officer; he shall appoint all committees unless the Assembly otherwise prescribes; he shall call the succeeding

Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a Moderator is elected as provided by the rules in the Book of Church Order.

(2) The Moderator shall appoint five assistants, whose duty it shall be (a) to assist the Moderator in preserving decorum in the Assembly and adjoining halls; (b) to distribute reports of standing committees; (c) to cooperate in any other manner requested by the Moderator.

(3) The General Assembly recognizes the value of ad interim service by the Moderator and approves his undertaking of one or more itineraries which shall bring him before representative ecclesiastical gatherings in various parts of the church.

(4) Where feasible, the local church, or other employing agency, is requested to grant the Moderator a leave, or leaves, of absence aggregating not more than two months for such itinerating service. The General Assembly shall provide funds to defray expenses as follows: (a) Travel and entertainment on such itineraries. (b) The necessary compensation for a substitute, or substitutes, to carry on the regular duties of the Moderator's normal task, the maximum of such compensation to be at the rate of $600 per month.

(5) All invitations and arrangements relating to such itineraries shall be made through the Office of the General Assembly to the end that the Moderator's time be not dissipated, but that it may be devoted economically to the best interests of the church-at-large.

3. Stated Clerk

(1) The Stated Clerk shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The election shall be the first order on the morning of the second day of the Assembly. He shall perform all the duties required of him by the Book of Church Order and by the Standing Rules of the Assembly and such other duties as may be imposed on him by the Assembly.

The Assembly in 1930 elected an Assistant Stated Clerk, whose term of office was the same as that of the Stated Clerk. This office was abolished by the 1936 General Assembly. The office of Assistant Stated Clerk was re-established by the 1949 General Assembly. His term of office is the same as the Stated Clerk's.

(a) The Stated Clerk shall list all communications and present them in an orderly manner, suggesting the proper reference and, when necessary, suggesting the time for the consideration of each communication.

(b) As Stated Clerk, he shall keep the minutes of the Assembly, and be custodian of all books, papers and documents of the Assembly, and prepare and supervise the printing of the minutes and distribution of the minutes and documents required to be printed and distributed.

(c) He shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Assembly and shall receive all funds. He shall pay out funds only on order of the Assembly. He shall make full statement of receipts and disbursements annually to the Assembly.

(d) He shall serve on the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work, conducting the work in accordance with the action of the Assembly on this subject.

(2) The salary of the Stated Clerk shall be determined by the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. The same rule applies to the Assistant Stated Clerk.

(3) In the event of the death or the incapacity of the Stated Clerk to perform the duties of his office, the Moderator may appoint an acting Stated Clerk, who shall perform the duties of the Stated Clerk until the Assembly elects a Stated Clerk.

4. Blue Book

(1) All reports of permanent committees except reports printed by the various agencies, all ad interim committees and special committees and all reports of outside organizations which make an annual report to the Assembly shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly by April 1, and all overtures by April 1 in each year; provided further, no overture received by such Stated Clerk after May 15th

shall be referred to or considered by such meeting of the General Assembly convening in June of that year.

(2) The Stated Clerk shall print in the Blue Book the reports of all permanent committees, except those submitting printed reports, all ad interim committees and reports of such outside bodies as make an annual report, and select committees. He shall also print the overtures, having previously classified and numbered them for presentation to the Assembly. He shall also print a full and complete docket in the Blue Book, which shall be the docket for the Assembly each year.

(3) The Stated Clerk shall prepare a manual for the benefit of new commissioners. particularly laymen, to be printed in the Blue Book. It shall include sections on (a) how the Assembly operates; (b) the most used parliamentary rules; (c) the duties and responsibilities of each standing committee; (d) hints and comments that will be helpful.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES

(1) The number of standing committees shall be limited as follows: Bills and Overtures; Office of the General Assembly; Women of the Church; Annuities and Relief; General Council; World Missions; Church Extension; Christian Education; Judicial Business; Minister and His Work; Christian Relations; and Inter-Church Relations.

(2) The planned docket for Friday and Saturday mornings—a total of eight hours—shall be set aside for the meetings of the Standing Committees.

(3) The Standing Committees shall be named in the following manner:

Prior to the meeting of the General Assembly the Stated Clerk shall conduct a drawing through which each commissioner shall be placed on a standing committee in as fair and equitable manner as possible. The mechanics of the operation shall be as follows:

(a) When the commissioner is elected by the presbytery, he shall fill in a printed 3 x 5 card, showing his first, second, third and fourth choices among the standing committees. (Alternates will have to accept the choice of their predecessors if the drawings have been completed.)

(b) The card shall be given to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. (The commissioner is thus given several months in which he may study the work of his preferred committees.)

(c) Six weeks (four weeks deadline) before the General Assembly meets, the clerk of the Presbytery shall verify the correctness of the cards and mail them to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

(d) Three weeks before the Assembly, the Stated Clerk shall conduct a drawing. The total number of commissioners shall be divided by the number of committees to ascertain the number of men who will serve on each. As each name is drawn, the sequence number shall be written on a card, and the card placed in the first choice shown. When the quota is reached for any committee, the second choice on the card drawn will dictate the particular committee. If the quota for the second choice is filled, then the card shall be placed with the third choice of the particular commissioner and so on.

(e) No more than one minister and one layman from a presbytery shall be placed on a particular committee; if such occurs in the drawing the next choice shown on the card shall be honored.

(f) The drawing shall provide for equal lay and ministerial membership on the committees.

(g) The last cards drawn shall be used to fill in the quotas of the unfilled committees. The nearest quotas shall be filled first.

(h) Two weeks before the General Assembly meets, the Stated Clerk shall mail the cards back to the individual commissioners. The cards will show the sequence number in the drawing and the committee to which he is assigned.

(i) Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the retiring Moderator.

(4) No partial report from a standing committee, except from the Committees on Judicial Business and Inter-Church Relations, shall be received by the Assembly without

the consent of the Assembly. All reports of committees shall be typewritten in three copies by the Assembly's stenographers; and proofread by the chairman of the committee reporting. The duties of the chairman of a committee shall not be completed until he has edited carefully his committee's report, after it is typewritten, for errors in phraseology and grammar, and shall have filed the required number of copies of the report with the Stated Clerk. The chairman of each committee shall also, after the Assembly shall have acted on the report presented by him, incorporate therein at the proper place each amendment made by the Assembly to the report.

(5) The report of a standing committee to the Assembly shall be as brief and concise as the recommendations of a committee will permit. The report shall contain a brief preamble of the questions acted on by the committee and the conclusions and recommendations of the committee. Extracts and quotations from reports of an executive committee, a permanent committee, or an ad interim committee shall be avoided except when required to make the report intelligible. Overtures shall be answered by reference to the number of the overture and a brief statement of its substance.

(6) The policy of the Assembly shall be to have official representatives of its agencies present during all Standing Committee meetings for consultative purposes, except at those times when in the judgment of the committees an "executive session" is demanded; to that end the agencies of the Assembly are instructed to have, in addition to the executives, at least one official representative present for such meetings with the committees from among the members of the boards and agencies. (1952, p. 96)

6. Budget and Authorized Expenditures

(1) The Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly shall make an estimate of the probable expenses of the Assembly based upon an estimated budget of expenses submitted by the Treasurer and recommend per capita dues to cover the same.

(2) All requests or recommendations for appropriation for expenses of any organization or council which shall come to the Assembly shall be placed in the hands of this committee. It shall make full report, recommending in detail the items for which funds are requested, which report, if adopted, the items recommended shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Assembly. A recommendation that the budget of estimated expenses submitted by the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly be adopted shall carry the authority for payment of the items in said report.

(3) The audits of all boards, divisions and permanent committees, trustees and treasurer of the Assembly shall be submitted to the standing committee on this cause for approval. All proposed standing rules or changes in standing rules shall be submitted to this committee for approval before adoption by the Assembly.

The Treasurer shall pay annually without any further special orders from the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly:

(a) The expenses of the chairman of an ad interim committee in attending the Assembly shall be paid by the Assembly when the committee of which he is chairman vote that the report is of sufficient importance as to require the attendance of the chairman and when the committee shall so notify the Stated Clerk.

(b) The expenses of our representatives to the General Assembly of the National Council and to the meetings of the General Board, with the understanding that said expenses shall include transportation and a maximum of five dollars a day for room and meals.

(c) The designated funds embraced within the General Fund.

7. Overtures

(1) The Stated Clerk shall pass on routine overtures received by him as a matter of course. Any overtures affecting ecclesiastical rules and policy should be referred by him to the Permanent Judicial Committee prior to the meeting of the Assembly in order that the Permanent Judicial Committee may give to the standing committee considering the overtures its judgment concerning the background in polity and rules of the church with which the overtures may be concerned.

(2) Under each overture printed in the Blue Book the name of the standing committee to which it is referred as recommended by the Stated Clerk shall be published. If there is no objection, they shall be referred as a whole, as recommended, without formal vote on the part of the General Assembly.

(3) No overture will be considered by the Assembly until it has first been presented to a presbytery or a synod. If the overture is approved by a presbytery or a synod it will then come before the Assembly as an overture from that presbytery or synod. If the overture is rejected by the presbytery or the synod, it may then be presented to the Assembly, but the fact that it has been presented to a presbytery or a synod must be clearly stated on the overture.

See also Standing Rule 4 (1).

8. Listing and Referring Reports

(1) In like manner he shall list and present without reading all reports of permanent committees (except those presenting printed reports), ad interim and special committees (all of which are printed in full in the Blue Book), which shall be referred to proper standing committees or disposed of immediately as the Assembly may elect. In case these reports are to be considered directly by the Assembly, the Stated Clerk shall suggest a time on the docket when each report shall be considered.

(2) If the chairman or representative of a permanent, ad interim or special committee wishes to be heard in connection with the report, such privilege shall be limited to a statement not to exceed five minutes, and in no case shall a report which is in printed form be read in full.

(3) Secretaries of boards, divisions and others with printed reports shall present these reports directly to their respective standing committees.

(4) The annual statistical reports from the presbyteries shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk on or before February 15 of each year. The annual reports of the boards, and permanent committees shall all be bound together in a separate pamphlet for distribution, together with such other reports which the General Assembly may order to be bound with the annual reports. Synopses of these reports shall be omitted from the Appendix to the printed copy of the Minutes of the Assembly.

9. Meetings of the Assembly

(1) The Stated Clerk shall have charge of all arrangements for the meeting and entertainment of the Assembly. He shall secure, if possible, special railroad rates and accommodations and supervise all other matters for the comfort and convenience of the commissioners.

(See also Rule 1.)

10. Commissioners

(1) Items to be included in the expenses of the commissioners as chargeable to the Assembly shall be:

a. The lowest railroad fare by direct route.

b. Pullman fare.

c. Cost of meals en route.

d. Taxi fare and other incidental transportation.

e. Auto travel at four cents per mile by direct route for driver; commissioners who are passengers in car driven by another commissioner, 1 cent per mile.

f. Air travel at cost for distances of 400 miles or over.

(2) Presbyteries are requested to consider the advisability of electing lay commissioners for a term of two years; one-half of the commissioners to be elected each year, preferably at the fall meeting.

(3) Expense checks shall be paid to the commissioners only after attending the General Assembly through the adjournment of the concluding session. Any exception to this rule must be in the nature of an emergency, and the commissioner requesting an exception must present the case for his excuse to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly or its designated agent in such matters for ratification and consent.

11. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(1) The Program Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Moderator of the preceding Assembly, the Stated Clerk, and in the event the Assembly meets in a church, the pastor of the church entertaining the Assembly. This committee shall act as a Steering Committee and shall present to the Assembly each morning an order of procedure for the day.

(2) The Program Committee shall prepare a tentative docket for the General Assembly embracing all the business expected to come before the Assembly, and including all popular and inspirational features. All requests for addresses before the General Assembly shall be presented first to this committee.

(3) The Program Committee shall act as a steering committee for the Assembly and recommend necessary changes in the docket as the need arises. As far as possible all requested changes in the docket shall be presented to the Assembly through the Program Committee. Recommendations for such changes shall ordinarily be presented by the Program Committee at the beginning of the morning or afternoon sessions.

(4) The docket shall be planned by the Program Committee for a period of from three and a half to four days, excluding Sunday.

(5) The planned docket for each day shall be limited to four hours in the morning; four hours in the afternoon, and one and one-half hours in the evening, a total of nine and one-half hours.

(6) All inspirational features or addresses shall be placed on the evening program (excepting on Sunday), and the daytime be devoted entirely to business.

(7) The Assembly having for its chief business the consideration of the interests that are vital to its own growth and development, instructs its Program Committee not to arrange for more than one speaker for each outside body which desires to be heard on any matter not vital to full and correct understanding of its own business and its relation to these bodies.

The Stated Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this action to all persons and bodies outside the Assembly who may make request for time to present their interests.

12. PRINTED MINUTES

(1) The official minutes of a court are the original minutes prepared by the Temporary Clerk or the Assistant Clerk, adopted by the court and signed by the Stated Clerk. If the Stated Clerk, before signing the original minutes discovers that the copy of these original minutes prepared by the Temporary or Assistant Clerk in typewritten or written form for use of the Stated Clerk in printing the minutes is incorrect by reason of any clerical oversight or typographical error, he shall be authorized to make such corrections as shall make the typewritten or written copy correspond in all respects with the original minutes or notes from which such typewritten or written form was prepared.

Further, if it be discovered that in the printed copy of the minutes there are certain typographical errors which make the printed minutes of the court vary from the original minutes adopted by the court and signed by the Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerk shall give official notice through the press or through the court concerned of the typographical errors, which notice shall be sufficient authority for those possessing copies of the printed minutes to make the printed copy correspond with the original minutes.

(2) The Stated Clerk is authorized to revise the phraseology of all papers adopted by the General Assembly and to make corrections in the spelling of proper names, initials, the totals of figures and other minor changes, provided that in no case shall he so change the phraseology as to alter the meaning. The minutes, as finally approved by the General Assembly, shall in no case be altered or changed by the Stated Clerk.

(3) The Stated Clerk is authorized in printing the various reports of our seminaries, for the sake of economy, to leave out the less essential matter, and to print only the heart and substance of each report.

(4) The Stated Clerk is instructed to send a copy of the Minutes to each minister,

licentiate and to the rising seniors and graduates of our theological seminaries, to the ruling elder commissioners who attend the Assembly, to the foreign missionaries whose membership is in foreign presbyteries, to all the members of the General Council, to all the Trustees of the General Assembly, to the Libraries of all our Church colleges, and to the stated clerk of each presbytery and synod.

(5) The Stated Clerk is directed to print the statistical reports, roll of churches, roll of ministers, etc., in a separate volume and distribute it as soon as possible after the close of the year. The Minutes, or proceedings, of the General Assembly will be printed and distributed as soon as possible after adjournment. The purpose of this procedure is to make the statistics available several months earlier than would be possible if they are held until the proceedings of the Assembly are distributed.

13. General Provisions

(1) Limitation of Debate

In the consideration of any question before the Assembly, no commissioner shall speak more than once on the question until all others who desire to speak on the question have been given an opportunity to speak. Each recommendation in a committee's report shall be considered a separate question. The chairman or the member of a committee presenting a report shall have the right to speak when presenting a report, to answer interrogations addressed to him by consent of the Moderator and to conclude the debate on the pending question.

Except when the Assembly shall order otherwise, a time limit of ten minutes shall be allowed each speaker; a time limit of one hour for each side in debate.

(2) Introduction of New Matter

No motion or resolution introducing new matters not already before the various committees shall be in order later than the afternoon session of Monday, except by special permission, and all such motions and resolutions introduced prior to that time are to be referred to the appropriate committees. This is not to be interpreted as infringing upon the right to make amendments or substitutions to any report brought to the floor of the Assembly after that time.

(3) Special Financial Appeals

All Assembly agencies shall ordinarily submit to the Budget Committee of the General Council all requests that contemplate special appeals for contributions from the churches, so that the Budget Committee can study each financial responsibility in the light of the whole program and make recommendation to the Assembly. (See also "Plans for Education and Promotion," below.)

(4) Ad Interim Committees

The following rules shall govern the appointment of ad interim committees:

(a) Each overture or resolution requesting the appointment of an ad interim committee shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee.

(b) The standing committee shall recommend to the Assembly: First, whether an ad interim committee is needed; and, second, if needed, the naming of an existing agency which shall be instructed to make careful study of the question and report to the next Assembly. If it appears that the matter requires the appointment of a selected ad interim committee, the standing committee should so recommend.

(5) Permanent Committees

Members of permanent committees shall be nominated and elected in keeping with the plan adopted in recommendation 7 on Re-organization of the Assembly's Agencies. (Refer to Minutes of the General Assembly for 1949, Page 135.) Members of permanent committees shall be elected for terms of three years, eligible to succeed themselves for a third term of three years, but not eligible for further re-election until the lapse of one year. (See recommendation 3, minutes for 1949, page 134.)

(6) Plans for Education and Promotion

All Assembly agencies shall submit to the Budget Committee of the General Council for its approval all plans for education and all plans for the promotion of special appeals for funds, in order that these plans and appeals may be properly harmonized

and made to conform to the orders and directions of the General Assembly. The right to appeal to the General Council from any action or decision of the Budget Committee shall be allowed.

(7) Per Capita Tax

The General Assembly shall fix a per capita tax which will enable the Treasurer to maintain a maximum balance of $12,500.00, and a minimum balance of $7,500.00. When the maximum has been reached the tax is to be reduced. When the balance has been brought to the minimum the tax shall be raised. See also 6(1).

(8) Standing Rules

These rules shall be Standing Rules and govern the procedure of each Assembly until amended or repealed. No rule shall be amended or repealed except by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the commissioners present and voting.

X. PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The General Assembly shall appoint a Permanent Judicial Committee consisting of nine members, at least five of whom shall be ministers. Members shall be elected to serve terms of three years. No person shall be eligible for service on this committee for more than three terms in succession. All vacancies shall be filled by the General Assembly for three-year terms, except that in the case of vacancies occurring between sessions of the Assembly, they shall be filled by appointment of the Moderator of the Assembly for the unexpired terms. Four of the nine members may be ruling elders, and the nine shall represent not fewer than three synods.

2. The General Assembly shall refer to this committee for consideration and report all judicial cases coming before that body by appeal, complaint or otherwise, in the following manner: within sixty days after the adjournment of the court from which the case is taken to the General Assembly, the Stated Clerk of the Assembly shall place in the hands of the chairman of the said Permanent Judicial Committee the complete records of the case, or a certified copy thereof for the use of the committee.

3. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shall transmit to the chairman of said committee, as soon as received, copies of all overtures to the approaching Assembly touching constitutional questions or affecting changes in the Book of Church Order, for advice. That portion of the committee's report containing these advices shall be placed in the hands of the standing committees on Bills and Overtures and Judicial Business, along with the overtures.

4. The committee shall file its report by the first day of the Assembly. This report shall present to the Assembly the law at issue, or affected by all the matters referred to, together with such references as will aid and expedite a careful review of the whole matter by those charged therewith; and it may add such suggestions as, in the judgment of the committee, will assist the Assembly or its agents to arrive at just and lawful decisions.

5. This committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, and its necessary expenses shall be provided for by the General Assembly.

6. This committee may from time to time submit to the General Assembly for its approval such rules or procedures governing the trial and conduct of cases as would appear expedient to the end in view.

7. Any individual, group or court within the church seeking information on church rules or procedure may submit inquiries to the Stated Clerk who may transmit them to the Permanent Judicial Committee if he deem it necessary or desirable.

8. The Stated Clerk of the Assembly shall be an ex officio member of this committee, but without the power to vote.

XI. INSTRUCTIONS TO STATED CLERKS

REPORTS FROM PRESBYTERIES

The General Assembly instructs the stated clerks of presbyteries as follows:

1. Secure from the Division of Publication, Board of Christian Education, Richmond, Va., the latest forms of blanks. It is a good idea to order just enough for one year, allowing a few extras for churches which may lose the set sent them. The Assembly makes frequent changes in the blanks.

2. Make the report in clear, distinct writing, especially the columns of names and figures in the Statistical Tables. Omit all fractions of a dollar in the money columns. If it is $10.45 or less, enter $10.00; if $10.55 or more, enter $11.00. Add *all* columns, if possible, on adding machines. Proofread the adding machine work before mailing. Attach adding machine slips to the report. Make the vowels in the names of ministers, churches, and postoffices very distinct. Printers have much difficulty with vowels which look very much alike.

3. When a church does not make a report, enter the postoffice, number of ruling elders, deacons, and members from their last report.

4. When a stated clerk of presbytery is ready to make out his statistical report to the General Assembly he is requested to study the report of his presbytery in the Minutes of the General Assembly for the preceding year. All of the statistical reports are uniform in arrangement and each stated clerk should use the report of his presbytery in Assembly Minutes as a pattern.

5. Fill out the blank, giving alphabetical list of ministers, licentiates, with postoffice and occupation, and number of candidates, the first thing after the adjournment of the spring presbytery. The Stated Clerk of the Assembly must have this list to perfect the alphabetical list for the Minutes.

6. Mail to the Stated Clerk, Rev. E. C. Scott, 341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta 5, Ga., all reports from the presbytery just as soon as they are prepared. The Standing Rule requires that all these reports shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk by February 15.

7. Mail overtures and other official communications, including a list of commissioners, at earliest possible date; otherwise, the printing of the Blue Book will be delayed. Send each overture upon a separate sheet of paper, written only on one side, duly signed by the Stated Clerk. (Read also Standing Rules 4(1) and 7, found on Pages 201 and 204.)

8. Notify promptly the Stated Clerk of the Assembly when a change is made in the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

9. Notify the Stated Clerk of the Assembly on cards supplied by him of the reception and dismission of ministers within forty-eight hours after the meeting of presbytery.

10. Stated clerks of presbyteries are instructed to send sessional statistical reports, along with presbytery's statistical report, to the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

REPORTS FROM SYNOD

The General Assembly hereby instructs the stated clerks of synods as follows:

(1) Notify the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly before the meeting of each Assembly of the formation or dissolution of presbyteries within the bounds of their respective synods; (2) of the times and places of the next meeting of these bodies; (3) of any changes which may be made in the stated clerk of synod. *These three things* should be attended to immediately on the adjournment of synod. A *marked* copy of the printed minutes is not an official notification. An official letter should be written covering the items mentioned above.

XII. FORMS OF BEQUESTS

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly and Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States..... (here insert the estate devised and bequeathed) for the use and benefit of said Church."

"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia) (here name the amount of the bequest), to be used for the publication work of said Church."

"I give and bequeath to the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee) (here name the amount of the bequest) to be used for the Foreign Mission work of said Church."

"I devise and bequeath to the Board of Annuities and Relief of the Presbyterian Church in the United States the sum of.....dollars for the cause of Ministerial Relief."

"I devise and bequeath to the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States the sum of $.....to aid candidates of said Church in preparation for the gospel ministry."

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia) (here name the bequest) to be used for the Home Mission division of said Church."

XIII. PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognizes the efficacy of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity of divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore,

Resolved, First, That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotions of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions and decisions as to promote His own glory and to advance the kingdom of Jesus on earth.

Resolved, Second, That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

(Minutes of General Assembly, 1863, p. 133.)

PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS

(To Cover All Expenses of the Assembly)

Due January 1, 1955

Abingdon	$1,274.39	Louisiana-Mississippi	56.16
Albemarle	1,050.14	Louisville	1,678.69
Asheville	986.05	Mangum	432.12
Athens	483.73	Mecklenburg	3,790.02
Atlanta	3,698.50	Memphis	1,965.86
Augusta-Macon	899.73	Meridian	943.54
Bethel	1,190.93	Mid-Texas	1,329.90
Birmingham	1,163.76	Mississippi	450.45
Bluestone	772.20	Missouri	453.44
Brazos	2,858.44	Mobile	598.00
Central Alabama	41.86	Montgomery	2,226.51
Central Mississippi	1,521.26	Muhlenberg	435.24
Central Texas	919.88	Nashville	1,297.27
Charleston	662.61	New Orleans	1,205.10
Cherokee	607.62	Norfolk	2,202.59
Columbia	341.12	North Alabama	788.97
Concord	2,012.53	North Mississippi	528.19
Congaree	1,014.65	Orange	2,457.26
Dallas	2,227.29	Ouachita	995.15
Durant	254.41	Paris	868.79
East Alabama	1,064.83	Pee Dee	884.13
East Arkansas	829.66	Piedmont	598.65
East Hanover	2,585.18	Potomac	1,632.28
East Mississippi	630.11	Potosi	383.37
El Paso	948.74	Red River	1,083.42
Enoree	1,357.46	Roanoke	861.51
Fayetteville	2,250.04	St. Johns	4,471.48
Florida	959.79	St. Louis	698.62
Georgia-Carolina	67.99	Savannah	682.37
Granville	1,300.65	South Carolina	804.44
Greenbrier	820.69	Southwest Georgia	916.37
Guerrant	221.91	Suwannee	1,638.91
Harmony	770.90	Texas-Mexican	154.96
Holston	1,528.80	Transylvania	306.02
Indian	27.30	Tuscaloosa	658.84
Kanawha	2,355.47	Upper Missouri	1,048.71
Kings Mountain	1,113.84	Washburn	995.54
Knoxville	1,736.80	Western Texas	2,524.73
Lafayette	392.47	West Hanover	632.06
Lexington	2,159.69	Wilmington	1,538.42
Lexington-Ebenezer	736.97	Winchester	1,123.59
Louisiana	973.83	Winston-Salem	876.46

The above assessments are calculated on the basis of communicants as reported December 31, 1953, thirteen (13) cents per capita, for all Assembly expenses for the year beginning January 1, 1955.

The presbyterial assessments are due January 1, 1955, and payment should be made to E. C. Scott, Treasurer, 341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta 5, Ga.

SUPPLEMENTAL
ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

(The following list represents changes in the addresses of ministers that have taken place since the publication of Part II of the Minutes. It also includes men who have been ordained or received from other denominations. For complete alphabetical list of ministers and licentiates see Part II of the Minutes, page 200.)

Name	Occupation	Street Address	Postoffice
*Albertson, James S.	Supt.	Sunnyside Presby. Home	Harrisonburg, Va.
Anderson, B. I.	A.P.	3207 Tutwiler Ave.	Memphis, Tenn.
Augsburger, Victor O.	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Biloxi, Miss.
Avent, Lawrence	P.		Providence Forge, Va.
Beck, E. Lamar	P.		Eastman, Ga.
Bedinger, R. D., D.D.	P.Ex.S.	1424 46th St., Belview Heights	W. Birmingham, Ala.
Boand, William Ith	Stu.	3829 McFarlin	Dallas, Texas
Book, Charles E.	M.E.	16th. at N. Inglewood	Arlington 5, Va.
Borchert, Harold	F.M.	87 Takajo Machi	Kochi, Japan
Brooks, J. W. B.	P.	1215 Planters St.	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brown, G. Preston	Lic.		Metter, Ga.
Broyles, Vernon S., Th.D., D.D.	P.	607 Peachtree St., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.
Camenisch, Robert H.	F.M.		Brazil
Cannon, John A.	P.	R.F.D.	Kannapolis, N. C.
Cluney, Claude	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Crowley, La.
Coit, Robert T.	A.P.	Old Stone Church	Lewisburg, W.Va.
Colen, Richard V.	P.	Route 1	Charlotte, N. C.
Colquitt, L. B., Jr.	P.Ex.S.	c/o First Church	Albany, Ga.
Cook, James N.	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Antlers, Okla.
Cox, Newton P., Jr.	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Marion, Ala.
Craig, Carl B.		Deceased April 8, 1954	
Craig, J. Edward	P.		Effingham, S. C.
Dameron, George	P.		Stockbridge, Ga.
Davis, J. S.	H.R.	1532 Thornton Ave.	Gulfport, Miss.
Dealey, Walter A., Jr.	Lic., Stu.		New York City
Delaney, T. C.		109 N. Lafayette St.	Mobile 17, Ala.
Drake, Louis	P.		Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
DuBose, Pierre	P.		Tallapoosa, Ga.
Durway, J. Robert	P.		Maplewood, La.
Dyal, A. Thomas, D.D.	P.	1901 Fifth Street	Bay City, Texas
Edwards, George R.	Stu.	Duke University	Durham, N. C.
Ellison, A. D., Jr.	P.	Westminster Presb. Ch.	Charleston, W. Va.
Endsley, Eugene C.	S.S.	1914 Snead Road	Richmond, Va.
Ewart, Jack W.	P.		Aberdeen, N. C.
Fisher, H. Bruce	P.	Box 2056	Williamson, W. Va.
Fraser, Charles B., Jr.	P.	Box 66	Caldwell, Texas
Frazier, Roger L.	Inf.		McAlester, Okla.
Gilmore, Ernest E.	F.M.	Missionary Institute	Montreat, N. C.
Gould, Wm. M., Jr.	P.		Comanche, Texas
Grimes, John W.	F.M.	c/o Box 330	Nashville, Tenn.
Gunn, George W.	P.	1050 Caddo St.	Arkadelphia, Ark.
Hall, Gaines B., D.D.	H.R.	R. 4, c/o J. C. Hall	Mesquite, Texas
Hall, Thomas O.	P.		Spring Hill, Tenn.
Hall, Warren R., Jr.	P.	Box 600	Belton, Texas
Heaton, George W.	P.	R. 8, Box 283	Concord, N. C.
Heeth, Nathaniel S.	P.		Riverdale, Ga.
Hicks, Basil V.	P.	126 Sheridan Rd., Park Hill	North Little Rock, Ark.
Hill, Denny M.	P.		Mayesville, S. C.
Hilton, Horace H.	P.	4503 Wrightsville Ave.	Wilmington, N. C.
Hooten, J. R.		Deceased April 8, 1954	
Hopkins, A. C., D.D.		Deceased May 27, 1954	
Hornick, John	F.M.	c/o Box 330	Nashville, Tenn.
Huey, R. E.	P.		Mallow, Va.
Hunnicutt, Jack C.	P.		Elsa, Texas
Jackson, James R.	P.		Jefferson, N. C.
Jones, H. G. M.	P.	Samuel Davies Church	Tunstall, Va.
Keller, W. Chester, Th. M.	P.	5217 Park Ave.	Memphis 17, Tenn.
Kennedy, Jack M.	Ev.		Aiken, S. C.
Killough, Algernon	P.		Oakland, Tenn.
King, Frank C.	P.	313 N. Patterson St.	Valdosta, Ga.
Kribbs, Robert	P.	Panthersville Presb. Ch.	Decatur, Ga.
Lewis, F. B., Th.M., Ph.D.	Prof.	1613 Princeton Blvd.	Richmond, Va.
Lyon, M. H.		Deceased Aug. 1, 1953	
McIver, Malcolm C.	Sec.	Box 1176	Richmond 9, Va.
Magee, John M.	P.	609 E. Main St.	Union City, Tenn.
Lyon, G. Taft, Jr.	P.		Port Aransas, Texas
McGehee, Joseph P.	P.	Drake Mem. Presb. Ch.	Orange, Texas
McLaney, John A.	P.	Box 112	Bloomfield, Ky.
McMullen, Robert J., Jr.	P.E.	(Effective in fall, 1954)	Springfield, W. Va.
Miller, John N.	P.		Snow Hill, N. C.
Minor, Harold W., Jr.	P.	Mt. Vernon Presb. Ch.	Sandy Springs, Ga.
Minter, John P.	P.	904 N. Cleveland	Sherman, Texas
Mitchell, E. W., D.D.	P.	14910 Willis St.	Houston 16, Texas

* Effective, Sept. 15, 1954.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES—Continued

Name	Occupation	Street Address	Postoffice
Mobley, Perry E.	Lic., P.E.		Havana, Fla.
Mollette, Arnold	P.		Red Jacket, W. Va.
Monk, Chester F., Th.M.	H.R.	421 First Ave., S.E.	Moultrie, Ga.
Montgomery, Robert L.	M.P.		Spencer, W. Va.
Moore, Lardner C.	F.M.	c/o Box 330	Nashville, Tenn.
Mohns, Edward A.	Asso.P.	3821 University Blvd.	Dallas, Texas
Moye, Everett P.	P.	114 S. Academy	Mooresville, N. C.
Nash, Sivyer I.	H.R.	A-5 Meredith Manor	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Nicholson, W. A.	S.S.	702 Franklin Ave.	Wilson, N. C.
Oakes, Ellis L.	P.		Great Falls, S. C.
O'Kelley, W. F., D.D.	P.	1504 Alcoa Ave.	Rockdale, Texas
Orders, J. William	P.	Route 1	Farmville, Va.
O'Shields, French B., Jr.	P.	Route 4	Abbeville, S. C.
*Owen, C. P.	P.Ex.S.	525 Chambers St.	Marlin, Texas
Parrish, Chas. E.	P.	Box 237	Fuquay Springs, N. C.
Peake, Claude D.	H.R.	7712 Walnut Road	El Paso, Texas
Pearson, Henry John	T.S.	Rt. 2, Box 261	Savannah, Ga.
Philips, J. Davison	P.		Decatur, Ga.
Phillips, C. P.	H.R.	Box 285	Commerce, Ga.
Pickard, H. Edwin, Th.M., Th.D.	P.	St. Andrews Presb. Ch.	Beaumont, Texas
Ping, Charles J.	Chap.	Culver Mil. Academy	Culver, Ind.
Plonk, William M.	P.		Lawrenceville, Va.
Pollard, T. H.	P.	Box 164	Woodsboro, Texas
Pooley, Robert C., Jr.	P.		Summerville, Ga.
Pottie, David Henry	P.		Bee Ridge, Fla.
Prentice, Tom K.	F.M.	c/o Box 330	Nashville, Tenn.
Price, P. Frank, D.D.		Deceased May 10, 1954	
Ramsay, William McD.	A.P.	1009 Avondale	Paducah, Ky.
Reaves, Renry L., Th.M.	P.	Route 3, Box 432	Florence, S. C.
Reavis, James O., D.D., LL.D.	Inf., H.R.	Agee Nursing Home, Webster St.	Madison, Tenn.
Reid, Eugene W.	P.	417 Kimmons Ave.	Water Valley, Miss.
Renegar, D. Edward	P.	Guerrant Mem. Church	Jackson, Ky.
Rice, John B.	P.	838 Wilbur Ave.	S. Norfolk 6, Va.
Robinson, Bruce E.	P.	Route 1	Delrose, Tenn.
Robinson, J. S.	H.R.	Caldwell St., Route 3	Greer, S. C.
Rosebro, J. R., D.D.	H.R.	1222 Oakwood Ave.	Gastonia, N. C.
Savage, Odie Lawrence		Deceased June 10, 1954	
Scott, Ralph Roger, D.D.	P.		Safety Harbor, Fla.
Shelor, Richard G.	P.		Max Meadows, Va.
Sholl, C. S., D.D.	H.R.	R. 1, c/o Mrs. W. C. McGhee	Nolensville, Tenn.
Short, Edwin R.	P.	Box 386	Sikeston, Mo.
Showalter, R. H.		5626 Windemere Drive	Jacksonville 11, Fla.
Simpson, Robert W.	P.		Belona, Va.
Smith, Foster	P.	Box 621	Villa Rica, Ga.
Smith, Hugh	P.		Capon Bridge, W. Va.
Smith, Marshal L., Jr.	P.		Honea Path, S. C.
Smith, W. R., Jr.	P.	3 Chapel Drive	Reynolda, N. C.
Solomon, R. L.	P.		Hempstead, Texas
Southall, Thompson B.	P.Ex.S.	451 N. Center St.	Statesville, N. C.
Spears, Joe L.		6303 Ranchito	Van Nuys, Calif.
Stephenson, John P., Jr.	P.	1807 N. 20th. St.	Richmond 23, Va.
Stewart, W. D.	P.	218 Edward St.	Tallahassee, Fla.
Strickland, Eugene L.	P.		Junction, Texas
Summers, Richard L.	P.		Gulfport, Miss.
Taylor, David W. A., Th.M.	P.	Box 335	Elkton, Va.
Taylor, G. Aiken, Ph.D.	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Alexandria, La.
Telford, George M.		Deceased April 29, 1954	
Threlkeld, Gayle	P.		Harrodsburg, Ky.
Thurman, William R.	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Waycross, Ga.
Usner, Merlin F.	P.	116 Ridgewood Ave.	Fairfield, Ala.
Varker, William Dickson	Ev.	3401 Brook Road	Richmond, Va.
Walker, W. P.	Inf.		Doddridge, Ark.
Wildman, J. T.	H.R.	Presbyterian Home	High Point, N. C.
Wilhelm, Norman	P.	Route 1	Tazewell, Va.
Wilkinson, D. D.	P.	Lakeshore Church	Jacksonville, Fla.
Williamson, Wm. W., II, Th.M.	P.	823 New Hampshire Ave.	Lynchburg, Va.
Wilson, Carl	Ev.		Shawmut, Ala.
Withrow, J. D., Jr.	A.P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Fayetteville, N. C.
+Womeldorf, John A., Th.D.	M.P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Waynesboro, Va.

* Effective August 20, 1954.

+ Effective August 6, 1954.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF LAY MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, TRUSTEES, ETC., WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND PAGE NUMBERS ON WHICH THEIR NAMES APPEAR.

Name	Street Address	Postoffice	Committee	Page
Adams, Alfred T.	Stahlman Bldg.	Nashville 3, Tenn.	World Missions	4
Agnew, Donald C.		Oglethorpe Univ., Ga.	Ad Interim	12
Aikman, Leo	Atlanta Journal	Atlanta, Ga.	Survey	142
Akers, William	Box 79	Gastonia, N. C.	National Council	14
Alford, Judge Julian R.	212 S. Monroe	Tallahassee, Fla.	Church Extension	5
			Nominating	3
			Men	7
Allen, Linton	First National Bank	Orlando, Fla.	Annuities & Relief	8
Avinger, Mrs. Geo. F.		Laurinburg, N. C.	Mission Court	13
Bailey, C. W.	First National Bank	Clarksville, Tenn.	Annuities & Relief	8
Barker, Mrs. Frank	2904 Thornhill Road	Birmingham, Ala.	Historical Fndn.	13
Barnhardt, Wm. H.	Commercial Bank Bldg.	Charlotte, N. C.	Historical Fndn.	13
Bartle, H. Roe	1023 Grand	Kansas City, Mo.	National Council	15
			Nominating	3
Baucom, Mrs. Geo. U., Jr.	224 Hawthorne Road	Raleigh, N. C.	Women	8
Bell, Dr. L. Nelson		Montreat, N. C.	World Missions	4
			Montreat	14
Bird, Mrs. Tate		Shelbyville, Ky.	World Missions	4
Bishop, Leon W.	2822 Monument Ave.	Richmond 22, Va.	Mission Court	13
Bissett, Samuel F.	1101 Jackson St.	Tampa 2, Fla.	World Missions	4
Bleckschmidt, Mrs. H. C.	7523 Forest View Dr.	St. Louis 21, Mo.	World Missions	4
Boggs, Mrs. L. K.	1418 Ardsley Place	Birmingham 9, Ala.	World Missions	4
Bowles, George D.	Mutual Building	Richmond, Va.	Christian Education	7
Boykin, Mrs. Shirley	Box 146	Carrollton, Ga.	Historical Fndn.	13
Brewer, Mrs. T. Smith	801 Fourth St.	Huntington, W. Va.	Women	8
			National Council	15
			General Council	4
Brimm, Dr. Henry M.	Union Theol. Sem.	Richmond, Va.	Western Section	15
Brooke, Mrs. Francis J., Jr.	133 E. Valley St.	Abingdon, Va.	Christian Education	7
Brown, Dr. Marshall W.		Clinton, S. C.	Christian Education	7
Brown, Royall R.	Box 2875	Winston-Salem, N. C.	Men	7
			Christian Education	7
Bryan, Dr. J. E.	Box 268	Talladega, Ala.	Stillman	14
Buckles, Mrs. Paul K.	315 64th St.	Newport News, Va.	Women	8
			A. T. S.	12
Cansler, John S.		Charlotte, N. C.	Trustee, G. A.	12
Carr, Michael L., Jr.		Brookhaven, Miss.	Men	7
Carson, McAlister	2215 Hopedale Ave.	Charlotte, N. C.	Ad Interim	12
Carter, John O., Jr.	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Annuities & Relief	8
Cary, Miss Cammie	20 River Road	Richmond 22, Va.	Mission Court	13
Cooper, Robert F., Jr.			Montreat	13
Craig, Mrs. A. R.	Route 2	Rutherfordton, N. C.	Women	8
Crais, Henry R.	507 Little Field Farms, Rt. 2	New Orleans, La.	Men	7
Crawford, Mrs. F. R.	906 High St.	Farmville, Va.	A. T. S.	12
			Cooperation & Union	9
			National Council	15
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